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THE HONOR GUARD from the Southwick American Legion, Post 338 (front row), prepares for the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony at St. David's Church: Rosemarie Cudworth, Executive Board; Ann Johnson, Secretary; Rusty Crowley, Senior Vice-President; Marie Alamed, Historian; and Lea Morin, President. Back row: Louis Russo, Andree Luginbuhl, and Mary Ellen Morissette from the Wilson-Thompson Post No. 185 American Legion and Legion Women's Auxiliary in Agawam. (See related photo on Page 2.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mayoral Candidates Address Town Retirees



AT THE SEPTEMBER 15TH MEETING of the Agawam Retired Employees (A.R.E.), the town's four mayoral candidates spoke to those in attendance. Seated: Mayoral candidates Richard Cohen, Abraham Kasparian, Nancy Thompson, and Donald Rheault. Standing: Rudy Altobelli, A.R.E. President, and John Chriscola, founder and member of A.R.E. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Solemn Ceremony Honors American POW's & MIA's

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

St. David's Church in Feeding Hills was the setting for a Remembrance Service on Sunday, September 26th, held by the Wilson-Thompson Post No. 185 American Legion and Legion Women's Auxiliary. The candlelight ceremony honored Massachusetts' prisoners of war and missing in action service men and women from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. A collation was held following the ceremony at the Wilson-Thompson Post.

Words printed inside the program best express the reason for the ceremony, which is held once a year. *"I was prepared to fight, to be wounded, to be captured, and even to die ... But I was not prepared to be abandoned."* (Words of Eugene "Red" McDaniel.)

The ceremony opened with words of welcome by Mary Ellen Morissette, auxiliary president, followed with Advance Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Paul Danehy, sergeant-at-arms. Louis Russo, chaplain, gave the Invocation.

Ruth MacBrian, Commander Post 21, read the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion, and Helen Boissonneault, Legion Post 463 chaplain, headed the Empty Chair Ceremony, a simple, yet touching reminder of the soldiers who have not come home.

A "Prayer for Our Prisoners of War" was said by Dept. Vice Commander Lawrence A. Connors and a United States Candle Lighting Ceremony was performed by Glenn Seymour, Grand Chef De Gare Du Mass, and Susan Hayden, auxiliary secretary Unit 185.

Jay O'Sullivan gave the United States Remembrance List, followed by Louis Russo reading "Was It?" by author Ernst Schneider.

There was a Massachusetts Candle Lighting Ceremony, a Massachusetts Remembrance List, with soloist Lin Yarkey's rendition of "Amazing Grace" in the background. Kenneth Morytko, adjutant at Post 185, told the Twenty-One Gun Salute, and Louis Russo explained the history of Taps. The Twenty-One Gun Salute and Taps then ensued. Taps was played by Christina Climo of Agawam High School.

The ceremony ended with the reading of "God Bless the USA," the Benediction, the placing of the rose, and the retirement of colors. Collation followed at the Wilson Thompson Post 185. There were over two dozen people who helped organize the ceremony, and many of these same people participated in the Remembrance Service. There was a special thanks to those who attended and also to those who took part.

News Editor Kathy Cassanelli Hospitalized

News Editor Kathy Cassanelli is temporarily unavailable for stories due to pneumonia.

We're looking forward to a speedy and complete recovery, when Kathy will return to give us a "Piece of Her Mind" (as if she can spare it!).

Remembering Our POW's & MIA's...



AT THE POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE held last Sunday, September 26th. Front row: Jay O'Sullivan, Nikole Seymour, Kristine Henson, Susan Hayden, and Louis Russo. Back row: Kenneth Morytko, Paul Danehy, Mary Ellen Morissette, and Glenn Seymour. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Democrats To Meet October 7th

The October meeting of the Agawam Democratic Committee will be held on October 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. The October meeting will be an opportunity for the members and their guests to get to meet and speak with this year's Democratic candidates.

All Democratic candidates for elected offices in the upcoming elections have been invited to attend. Also, all citizens of Agawam are invited to come and meet the candidates who attend. There will be refreshments for all who come.

All the hometown news with us — AAN!!!

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1999 at 7:35 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of PREMIER PARKS, INC. AND STUART AMUSEMENT COMPANY, who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-71, of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction and installation of a steel roller coaster, which has been found to lie within the floodplain at the premises identified as: 1623 MAIN STREET.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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In Connection With Murdered Spfld. Man...

Agawam Police Arrest Three Men On Thursday, September 23rd

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

On Thursday, September 23rd, between 3:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., Agawam Police arrested three men in connection with the murder of Wayne C. Rowe of Springfield, whose body was found in the Connecticut River in Agawam. The body was recovered in shallow water near River Road and School Street in April and an investigation has been in progress since.

The three men were arrested last Thursday and held in the Agawam Police lock-up until the right to bail. They were arraigned in Springfield District Court on Friday, September 24th and are currently being held in Stonybrook Correctional Facility in Ludlow without the right to bail.

The three men are David A. Morgan of 355 Tremont Street, Springfield, 34, Julian M. Thompson, 25, of 124 Denver Street, Springfield, and Floyd Johnson, 25, of 68 Methuen Street, Springfield.

All three men have been charged with murder and a second charge of conspiracy to commit murder. Agawam Detective Sergeant Wayne Macey reported that "Our victim, Wayne Rowe, was found floating in the Connecticut River on

April 18th at 10:30 a.m. (a Sunday). The three arrests made last Thursday culminated a six-month intensive investigation. It was a cooperative effort between Massachusetts State Police and the Agawam Police Department Detective Bureau.

"Also assisting in the investigation was the Springfield Police Department Detective Bureau," Macey said.

During the last week of the investigation, according to Macey, information was received "and it became apparent that at least one more murder was being planned, possibly even more than one. It was decided at that time, for the protection and safety of those involved, to take immediate action and make the arrests based on our probable cause," Macey said.

Rowe had been shot in the head. His address was 99 Revere St., Springfield. His wife, Michelle, reported him missing on March 3rd. Assistant District Attorney Calvin Carr alleged that the three men "killed the wrong man" over drug money, and responded by planning another murder.

— Agawam Obituaries —

Edwin J. Abar

Edwin J. Abar, 90, of 227 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, he lived in that city for most of his life and in Westfield for eight years. He moved to Agawam in 1986.

He was the superintendent of the local Coca-Cola Corp. plant for 40 years and retired in 1974.

He was in charge of beverage distribution at Westover Air Force Base during World War II, and was also the company's representative to the Eastern States Exposition.

He attended Northwestern University, and was the assistant billiards and pool instructor at Heritage Hall and a representative to the Friends of Agawam Citizens Organization.

He was an Army veteran and active in the Boys' Club, the Boy Scouts, and the Springfield Rod and Gun Club.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in East Springfield, and a past president of the West Springfield Men's Club and the East Springfield Lions Club.

His wife, the former Irene E. Lamothe, died in 1986.

He leaves a son, Dr. Edwin J. Jr. of Westfield, and a granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Communication Scholarship Fund, in care of Westfield State College, 577 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA 01085.

Elvira Mercolino

Elvira (Marino) Mercolino, 84, of 42 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a sample maker for the former Whitney Taylor in Hartford and later for Carters Clothing Co.

She was born and schooled in Enfield, Connecticut.

She leaves two sons, Gennaro of South Hadley and Henry of Feeding Hills; five daughters, Rosanne Casavant, Geraldine Bonavita, and Elvira Strong of Feeding Hills, Lynn Dialessi of Agawam, and Diane Choiniere of Springfield; a brother, James Marino of Enfield; a sister, Josephine Kozacka of Enfield; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in St. Anthony of Padua Church in Agawam, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baystate Medical Center N.I.C.U., in care of Development Office, Springfield, MA 01101, or to the Autism Society of America, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 650, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Teresa Moriarty

Teresa (Durocher) Moriarty, 74, of Agawam, a retired Realtor for Lewis & Arnold Real Estate in Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born in Portland, Maine, she lived in Agawam since 1956.

She was a graduate of Holyoke Catholic High School.

She was a member of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, an auxiliary member of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, past president of the Agawam Prominadors, and a past president of the Agawam PTA.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward F. Moriarty.

She leaves a son, Gregory of Russell; two daughters, Suzanne Kelly of Avon, Connecticut, and Kathleen Palermo of Wilbraham; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, South Hadley.

Veterans' Corner...

Commemorative Quarter Unveiled

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has unveiled their design for the new commemorative quarter from Massachusetts that is scheduled to reach the pockets of citizens across the United States in January 2000. It is a picture of the historic Minuteman/soldier standing with the background of the State map.

In 1997, the U.S. Treasury launched the commemorative coin program, which issues quarters commemorating each of the 50 states in the order that they ratified the Constitution or joined the union. Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey quarters have already begun circulation, with Georgia and Connecticut to follow.

The winning Massachusetts design was selected by Lt. Gov. Jane Swift from drawings from across the state that were submitted by elementary students. Two students, Kathleen Raughtigan (who attends St. Bernard's Elementary School in Fitchburg) and Xander Kotsatos (who attends Belmont Day School), were the joint winners in this unique contest, as Massachusetts was the only state to do so.

The Department of Veterans' Services is proud to have the unique distinction of a similar design as the Department Logo and that of "The Commonwealth Veteran." (Source: *The Commissioner's Newsletter*.)

This week, we are publishing for the last time our list of World War I veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam and will be listed on our Honor Roll. The second half of the list will appear in next week's issue.

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." - President John F. Kennedy, October 25, 1963.

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The Aftermath Of "Floyd"...



JIM ZERRA (front) and Joe Valego of the Agawam Department of Public Works pick up branches on Bridge Street, Agawam, after the remnants of "Hurricane Floyd" recently passed through our area. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Junior Women's Club To Once Again Conduct Holiday Food Drive

Once again, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be conducting its annual food, clothes, and toy drive for the needy families in Agawam during the holiday season. The Club provides groceries to feed a family during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Last year, due to the overwhelming generosity from our friends — YOU — we were able to provide meals to 60 families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and clothes and toys to 159 children within Agawam and Feeding Hills.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate new toys or canned goods, we have several drop-off boxes in Agawam and Feeding Hills. Locations are at Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, Sand-Castle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Col-dwell Banker, and the Senior Center.

When you shop for your own holiday dinner, buy an extra of something for our needy friends. We

are looking for the following canned and dry goods: canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, cereal, cake mixes, soap/toothpaste/brush, paper goods, pasta, canned juice, prepared foods (shelf goods), soups, and canned meats (tuna and Spam).

Also, if you wish to donate toys for children from ages one to 14 years-old, we will accept these also at the drop-off sites. If you would like to make a donation of a frozen turkey or a canned ham for a holiday basket, or school supplies or Agawam Theatre movie tickets as gifts for older children, please call Dee Abrams at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

Please remember that by purchasing one can of food or one toy, you may make the difference in a child's happiness during the holidays. Knowing that you CARE can make all the difference in the world. And, after all, isn't that what Thanksgiving and Christmas are all about?

"VETS CORNER" - from Page 4...

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HAASE, CHARLES E.
HALSTEAD, ALFRED H.
HAMILTON, RAYMOND J.
HAWKES, FREDERICK C.
HENDRICKSON, WILLIAM
HITCHCOCK, CHARLES W.
HITCHCOCK, EARL E.
(* Died while in service.)

LEGAL NOTICE

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INVITATION FOR SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL QUOTES AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Open competitive quotes sought for snow plowing and snow removal at seven housing locations. Specifications are available at the office. Quotes to be received until Monday, October 18, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Agawam Housing Authority at 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Acceptable contractor will supply necessary insurance documentation as required.

Joanne M. Beltrandi
Executive Director, Agawam Housing Authority
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Letters To The Editor

Make The Right Choice By Voting For Cohen For Mayor

To The Editor:

To The Citizens Of Agawam:

I must recognize Mr. Richard Cohen as the one person who has influenced and changed my life. A few years ago, I attended a military college with the idea of attaining my engineering degree. After three semesters, though, I was academically withdrawn due to my failing grades. I moved home with no self-confidence and no idea where my life was going.

I enrolled at Springfield Technical Community College in order to work on raising my G.P.A. This is when Richard came into my life. I visited Mr. Cohen to register for my G.I. Bill for being in the Marine Corps Reserves. My first encounter with Rich was a moment I will not soon forget. His spirited personality grabbed me and has not let go. His willingness to drop his work to ensure my satisfaction was evident. Soon afterwards, my G.I. Bill arrived, faster than any other year.

I was taking core classes to begin with, but still had no direction in my life. During one of my many visits with Rich, we had a lengthy discussion about my future. Mr. Cohen's ability to understand my frustration and offer various solutions was the turning point in my life. He suggested I speak to his brother, Alan, who is a guidance counselor at Agawam High School. Richard believed I had the right attitude and drive for a career in guidance counseling. He immediately called his brother and set up an appointment. After this initial meeting with Alan and Richard, I knew Richard made the right call.

I soon had an internship at the High School. Under the supervision of Alan and with the support of Richard, I underwent a 150-hour internship in the guidance department that semester. I helped the cross country team and attended various teacher conferences with Alan. Richard suggested I join the Western MA Counselor's Association, a group of Western MA guidance counselors. After attending a few meetings, I made several professional connections with the hope of attaining a job in the future.

During the same semester, I was facing a new dilemma concerning my transfer to a four-year school. I applied to several colleges, all of which immediately accepted my application. All but one — Westfield State College. This was the school of my choice, but the administration was giving me the run-around. Once Richard saw my frustration about the situation, he made a telephone call to Westfield State College. Within one hour, he had a reply to his call — an acceptance of my application.

Today, I am a Resident Assistant within one of the Resident Halls. This provides extensive experience for me to use in the future as a guidance counselor. I am constantly in touch with Richard, asking for advice, both professional and personal. I am still involved with the Western MA Counselor's Association and will soon receive my degree.

Without Richard Cohen's determination, motivation, and wonderful personality, I would not be where I am today. I am confident Mr. Cohen will take all these traits with him as your mayor of Agawam. His unselfishness towards others is impeccable. Make the right choice and vote Richard Cohen Mayor of Agawam.

Sincerely,

Andrew Linkenhoker

Westfield State College Resident Assistant

Courtney Hall

Westfield

A Return To The Day Of The "Smoke-Filled Room"?

To The Editor:

As a proponent of the "Regulations Affecting Smoking in Public Places," I was surprised that a Public Hearing had been opened on this issue at the Town Council meeting on Monday, September 20, 1999 and then continued to the next council meeting.

As a member of the Conservation Commission, I know that no public hearing can be held until a legal notice appears in the paper.

According to the Council Agenda published in the September 16th issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News* (page six) under item nine, "Public Hearings," there were "None." The only mention of this issue was item 6b, Petitions, and I quote: "1. PE99-1 Group Petition Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) (Regulations Affecting Smoking in Public Places) (Pres. Rheault) (Set Public Hearing Date - Suggest 10/6/99)."

This public hearing was not in order and should have never been opened. Our elected officials, especially those in charge of meetings, must know the council rules and regulations and follow them. That same paper contained two Legal Notices from the Town of Agawam, Agawam Conservation Commission regarding issues to come before the Commission and one from the Town Council on another resolution. Why no notice of the Public Hearing on the smoking ban? Does the council leadership follow different rules?

The council also voted that night to go into executive session with no notification to the public or to all of the council members. This executive session did not appear under new business, although an "emergency preamble" was used to take a vote that evening. This is illegal. An item must be placed on the official agenda first.

Why did a speaker mention the executive session during the citizen's speak time when at least two council members were unaware of it? Why was the council's lawyer present in the audience awaiting the executive session when there was no mention of it in the agenda?

Two weeks ago, the council discussed the need for a special session in order to meet the filing deadline for an appeal regarding the Berkshire Power oil tank permit. Why was the special meeting never organized and an illegal executive session held in its place?

My congratulations to Nancy Thompson and Jill Simpson, who had the political strength to object to this violation of Council and probably State Laws. Who will pay for the "Appeal" since the executive session authorizing it was illegal in the first place?

I also question why a reporter was told that the vote to appeal was "not unanimous." I thought the purpose of an executive session was to protect the confidentiality of the discussions.

Have we returned to the day of the "smoke-filled room," when decisions were made behind closed doors away from public scrutiny and in violation of open meeting laws?

Sincerely,
Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

Thompson Has The Experience And Knowledge To Be Mayor

To The Editor:

As a former town councillor and lifelong resident of Agawam, I am writing this letter of endorsement for Nancy Thompson to become our next mayor.

Town Councillor Thompson has consistently demonstrated her leadership and concern for the betterment of all of Agawam. Her voting record over her eight years of service as a town councillor reflects this from voting for the acquisition of open space, the renovations of our schools, the expansion of our library, and the building of a new fire headquarters, as well as for a tax cut for all residents and businesses and her recent sponsorship of a resolution for special legislation to finally have the backlog of all of Agawam's streets accepted.

She represents Agawam both within our town

as well as within the state in a professional and knowledgeable manner.

I commend Councillor Thompson for her role in Agawam's government. As our next mayor, she will bring extensive experience and knowledge to that role. She will provide the kind of leadership that will continue to move Agawam forward in a positive direction.

Please join me in voting for Nancy Thompson in the primary election on Tuesday, October 5th. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jane Gallerani
Feeding Hills

Kasparian Has What It Takes To Meet Agawam's Challenges

To The Editor:

As a fan of politics, and as someone who has a friend who was successfully led through the bureaucratic maze by then County Commissioner Abe Kasparian, I have watched the Agawam mayoral contest with interest.

Like many of you, I have read his articles and been impressed with Kasparian's grasp of the issues and his original approaches to finding resolution to pressing matters, but also like many of you, I have been a bit puzzled about candidate Kasparian's rather unique and creative approach to the political process.

After giving this much thought, I have come to realize that candidate Kasparian is someone who, once charged with the task of representing the people, will forge ahead with vitality, strength, intelligence, and style. Along with these praiseworthy characteristics that Mr. Kasparian has, I will add another one of equal importance, and that is humor. When faced with the most daunting of tasks, success comes more readily to those who face the challenges with the equilibrium that humor affords.

Candidate Kasparian has the ideas, the drive, and the inner resources to meet any challenges that Agawam faces, and also has the charisma to act effectively in the political arena. These traits, coupled with Kasparian's deep, abiding faith that one man committed to higher ideals can make a difference in the community, makes him a standout in local politics. THIS is the kind of person we ALL need in government!

Mary Cohutt
Monterey, MA

Rheault Appreciates The Turnout At His Fundraiser

To The Editor:

On Wednesday evening, September 22nd, more than 700 Agawam residents stopped by the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills to support my campaign for Mayor of Agawam.

Democrats, Republicans, and Independent voters came out on this rainy evening to wish me well. One guest commented that she can't remember when a candidate for office from Agawam ever had such a large turnout at a fundraiser.

In my wildest dreams, I never could have imagined the outpouring of support we received at the fundraiser. Come what may on October 5th, I will always remember that evening as a special day in my life.

I watched in awe as our dedicated volunteers served 700 people in only two hours without a glitch. There is not enough space in this column to properly thank all who contributed to the success of this event.

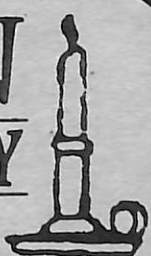
To my family, friends, and supporters, I would like to offer each and every one of you a sincere thank you. Your hard work and support made this an incredible evening.

Again, I thank you.

Sincerely,
Don Rheault
Candidate For Mayor

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Service For POW's/MIA's Was An Elegant Tribute

To The Editor:

On Sunday, September 26th, my husband and I attended a remembrance service at St. David's Church to honor over 98,000 United States military from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam who were, or perhaps still are, Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing In Action (MIA) - "You Are Not Forgotten."

Our deepest gratitude to members of the American Legion's Wilson-Thompson Post No. 185, and all other American Legion Posts and Legion Auxiliary participants, for presenting such an elegant, informative, and noble tribute.

From the Vietnam War, the names of 49 Massachusetts soldiers were read aloud while a candle was lit and a bell tolled for each. Lin Yarkey beautifully sang a cappella during this moving portion of the ceremony.

Our prayers for the POW's/MIA's solemnly reflected the cost of our daily freedom gained through unbearable loss to some and the multitude of lives sacrificed for each and every American citizen. Inwardly, I struggled with the question that frequently plagues me: "Why have humans developed so tremendously in technology, medicine, and science, but yet continue to resolve cultural conflict by aggression when trying to preserve and protect those refinements?"

The answer: war is the irony of civilization. I find that heart-wrenching, yet that tragic truth creates in me the same fierce loyalty and patriotism of those who serve our country. I have a deep respect and high regard for the military who allow me to live as I choose.

*I was prepared to fight,
to be wounded, to be
captured, and even to
die...*

*...But I was not
prepared to be
abandoned*

Eugene "Red" McDaniel
I ask each American
to please open your
hearts and minds for
the POW's/MIA's with
the observance "You
Are Not Forgotten."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charles E.
Copson II
Feeding Hills

Thompson Is Our Choice For Mayor

To The Editor:

On primary day, October 5th, we will be voting Nancy Thompson for mayor.

Nancy is intelligent, experienced, honest, hard-working, and a contemporary thinker.

Let us never go back to old-time politics with old-time politicians.

Nancy Thompson is the only candidate that can lead Agawam proudly and productively into the future.

Sincerely,
Ron & Nancy Quatrone
Feeding Hills

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Abe Kasparian Addresses Mail Delivery Issue In Town

To The Editor:

It was my great pleasure to meet with a fine lady recently and discuss concerns that she has as a resident.

Communication is very, very important to me. Without visiting her and speaking with her directly, I would never have been made aware of some of the concerns that she raised. The most interesting was the placement of her mailbox.

As I told her, I live on School Street and on School Street, the mailboxes are on the front of each home on both sides of the street. I had not thought that the mail service would be handled differently on different streets within Agawam. She pointed out to me that as a senior citizen, she has to cross her busy street to retrieve her mail from her mailbox.

Her request of me was to see what could be done about having mailboxes placed in front of her house rather than on the other side of the busy street. After leaving her home, I realized her request was more than just a request of convenience, but was a health and safety issue.

As I watched the cars race up and down her street, I noticed the mailboxes all on one side. At times it must be very difficult for residents in that neighborhood to retrieve their mail safely. Since we are approaching winter, I thought of the icy roads and other inclement conditions that make crossing that busy street as well as others in our city very difficult.

As she pointed out, we used to be a small town.

The traffic flow on her street was much less than it is today. Here is a fine example of how government can serve its citizens and relieve potential safety issues.

If I were Mayor, I would make it a part of my job to work with Congressman Neal and the City Council to establish a uniformed policy on delivering mail to each person's home to eliminate safety issues.

Mayoral Candidate Abe Kasparian
161 School Street
Agawam

Johnson Had Moral Obligation Regarding Smoking Regs.

To The Editor:

I now understand first-hand why many politicians are not trusted.

At the City Council meeting on Monday evening, September 20th, a hearing was held regarding the proposed restaurant smoking ban. Eighteen months ago, I wrote to Mayor Johnson and complained about second-hand smoke in our city's restaurants. He replied, "I share your displeasure of experiencing second-hand smoke in restaurants."

He even supplied me with a copy of the Board of Health's smoking regulations and encouraged me to express my concerns to the Board. The regulations state that 50 percent of restaurant seats must be for non-smokers, and that restaurants are required to "effectively eliminate the

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presence of smoking by-products in non-smoking areas."

Over the next 18 months, I submitted several written complaints about restaurant smoking violations to the Board of Health, with a blind copy to Mayor Johnson. Two separate complaints concerned a restaurant in Feeding Hills Center.

I was told by the Mayor that the Board of Health cited this restaurant for its violation, but when I was last in that restaurant, it was still violating the regulations by having too few non-smoking seats and not preventing the drifting of smoke into the non-smoking area. I wasn't surprised.

What did surprise me, though, was to learn at the September 20th Council meeting that the violating restaurant's landlord is none other than Mayor Johnson. This was revealed from the citizens' podium by Abraham Kasparian.

I was nonplused when I heard this revelation, especially since I had complained to Mayor Johnson about this violating restaurant and he never told me that he was the restaurant's landlord.

Although the Mayor might not be legally obligated to require his tenants to comply with Agawam's smoking regulations, he certainly had a moral obligation to do so, especially since he claimed to share my displeasure of experiencing second-hand smoke in restaurants.

Mayor Johnson is also Agawam's School Committee Chairman and its Police Commissioner. I'm terribly disappointed that he did not use the power of his office, as the city's highest-ranking official, to persuade his tenant to comply with Agawam's smoking regulations.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

Wishing Thompson The Best Of Luck In Her Campaign

To The Editor:

On Wednesday, September 15, 1999, I hosted a fundraiser for Nancy Thompson, candidate for Mayor of the Town of Agawam, at my business, Agawam Family Cinemas.

Although it was a rainy night (just before the arrival of tropical storm Floyd), a good number of people came out in support of Nancy. There were about 50 or 60 people there with their families enjoying the movie and supporting Nancy.

It was nice to meet so many of Nancy's supporters and friends. Susan Pettazzoni, a member of the School Committee, was present to give us a hand. She was a great help and an enthusiastic champion of Nancy. Mayor Chris Johnson and his family stopped by to wish Nancy well. Also attending the fundraiser were other members of the School Committee and members from the City Council.

I want to thank all that came that night who came out to support my friend, Nancy, in her candidacy. I feel that her promotion of local and small businesses, her record as a City Councilor, and her love and respect for the Town of Agawam, make her uniquely qualified to serve as our next mayor.

On a personal note, I also want to thank all who have supported me and the theater since we reopened it back in December 1996. I appreciate the patronage from the town and the surrounding communities. Without you, we would not be able to provide the high standard of service and value that only a local, independent business can do.

If you haven't visited the theater, I urge you to come and try us out. We have many local, loyal customers who enjoy the value and individual attention we provide. With your help, I hope to continue to show a wide variety of children's, mainstream, and independent films for our community to enjoy.

Thank you all again for your support. I wish Nancy best of luck in her campaign.

Sincerely,
Sal Anzalotti

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Remember
to patronize
your local
businesses...

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Kasparian Responds To Letter From Gary Winn

To The Editor:

To My Friend, Gary Winn:

You know that I enjoy talking with you every time you stop me. Sometimes I tend to be extremely thorough while articulating my thoughts on issues you have raised. However, I feel it is important to give an in-depth answer to someone who is seeking my opinion. I will know in the future, that THIS is the approach that you NOT most enjoy! But, to the more substantive parts of your letter to the editor, let me see if I can refresh your recollection...

You used the term "off beat notion" when referring to the Patriots relocating to the 200 acres on then County-owned property. I would suggest that a Patriots' stadium would be more palatable than a new Commonwealth prison. But more importantly, if the Patriots had relocated to Agawam on the west side of the Connecticut River off the newly-constructed Route 57, we would have seen a tremendous amount of revenue into our city which would have, in my estimation, brought our real estate tax bills on residential property down to 50 percent of the current charge.

Also, Gary, remember who supported this notion ... it might surprise you ... the host of a local radio talk show, excited with the idea of the Patriots coming to Agawam, contacted Mayor Johnson. Mayor Johnson was very enthusiastic and supported its concept.

Mayor Johnson indicated that he was a staunch fan of the Patriots, and that the City of Agawam and the County Commission should enter into the feasibility studies to see whether or not the Patriots would be a positive addition to our great city. The notion of having an NFL team like the Patriots on the west side of the Connecticut River was so enticing, and financially beneficial to local government, that even Governor Rowland decided to jump on the bandwagon, along with Agawam, and tried to get the Patriots to move to Hartford.

The thought of the land either becoming a new prison site, or a new site for a stadium, became the debate of that time. You don't see a prison there, Gary, do you? I worked hard to keep a prison out of our community in Feeding Hills. I worked hard as a County Commissioner to inspire a new industrial park on that land. The state has been remiss in the last two years and has allowed the land of Feeding Hills and the other parcel in Agawam to lie fallow.

As your Mayor, I will work extremely diligently so by the end of the year 2000, a new industrial park will be sited in Feeding Hills that will reduce even your taxes, Gary. I'm sure you wouldn't mind a further reduction in your taxes!

The part of democracy that I like so much, Gary, is that everyone has a right to be a part of the democratic process. It is a credit to every person who is a candidate, who becomes involved, whether or not his or her ideas are considered ridiculous.

Ideas put forth by the likes of John Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, Martin Luther King, and Sojourner Truth were once considered ridiculous by many. Their struggles for freedom for ALL people, from all walks of life, and their commitment to bettering the times in which they lived, and striving for the simple truth that we all are equal in the face of our creator, brought ridicule from many, and yet they persevered, and the world is a better place because of it.

Well, Gary, if you consider those ideals and concepts of democracy to be an embarrassment to me, then so be it.

AND IN CLOSING, Gary, a recent decision by

the Attorney General's office to not pursue voter fraud in the ninth Hampden district, when the deceased rose from their grave to "back Jack," when Republicans voted in a Democratic primary, and people who did not even live in the district came out to cast their ballot for Jack, has led me to the conclusion that voter fraud does NOT exist.

The Attorney General refusing to investigate after a Superior Court Judge overturned the election tells me only one thing; that the Attorney General's office in the City of Springfield has repealed Massachusetts General Law, chapter 56, *Violations of Election Laws*. With that knowledge in hand, I guess as I stated in my FUN raiser at Longfellows in Yarmouth, anything goes!

Now, if I'm wrong, I expect the Attorney General's Office to investigate ALL wrongdoings and uphold the democratic process.

Abe Kasparian
161 School Street
Agawam

Be Sure To Voice Your Opinion At October 6th Public Hearing

To The Editor:

The City Council held a public hearing on the "No Smoking" issue on September 20th. Because of the importance of this issue, the City Council has continued the public hearing to October 6th. The hearing will be held at the Middle School on Main Street.

If you were unable to attend the first hearing, this will give you the opportunity to voice your opinion on this very important issue. It is important that you make every effort to attend. Remember, just your attendance will speak volumes to those who will be deciding this issue.

The petition should be of interest to all that feel that eating in a smoke-free atmosphere is of great importance to each and every one of us.

Mark your calendar and make every effort to attend on October 6th at the Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

Edythe Chiba
Agawam

Campaigning At Feeding Hills Ctr. Intersection Is Dangerous

To The Editor:

Saturday, the 18th of September, was a beautiful day. As I headed into Feeding Hills Center, I couldn't help but notice the political campaigners standing at the four corners of the intersection, holding their placards and waving at the passing vehicles.

Unfortunately, this is a dangerous intersection and drivers need to pay close attention to their driving as they pass through. It is very difficult for most of us to ignore someone waving at us as we pass by. Taking our eyes off the road for even a brief moment can spell trouble in such a busy intersection.

I'm sure that if I called my favorite candidate and asked him or her not to campaign at that intersection, he or she would reject my suggestion, fearing that the other candidates would continue to campaign there. As such, by way of this letter, I'm asking *all* of the candidates to refrain from campaigning at this location, even though it is ideal for candidate exposure.

The safety of the motoring and pedestrian public has to come first.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

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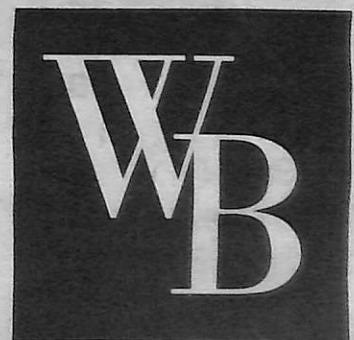
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Thompson Encourages You To Vote On Primary Day

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter to encourage all Agawam registered voters to vote in the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, October 5, 1999.

This is an historic election for the City of Agawam as we will be selecting the final two candidates to run for Mayor of Agawam. One of these final candidates will eventually become this town's second Mayor.

It is our privilege and responsibility to exercise our right to vote and I strongly urge voters to go to the polls and vote on October 5th.

Anyone needing a ride to the polls may contact myself, Nancy Thompson, at 786-0586 or Jack O'Neill at 789-4422.

As a candidate for Mayor of Agawam, I respectfully request your consideration and vote on October 5th. I would also like to invite residents to join us at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills after the polls close that evening at 8:00 p.m.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Thompson, Agawam City Councilor
Candidate for Mayor of Agawam

Borgattis Thank Rheault For Park Improvements

To The Editor:

On April 25, 1999, our father, Edward Borgatti, was honored at a dedication ceremony for Edward G. Borgatti Field. He was honored for his commitment to the community of Agawam and his hard work in obtaining the land on River Road to create the park we see today.

At that dedication, Riverside Park announced they would donate the first installment of money (\$10,000) to improve the park. They followed through and on Monday, September 13, 1999, unveiled a beautiful new sign, swing sets, a playscape, and a refurbished picnic area. The first phase was completed, with more to come. We will never forget how our father gleamed with pride at both those events. As time goes by, we learn to appreciate what generations of people have done for this community, and more importantly we learn to appreciate "family."

When we decided back in January to dedicate the park, we contacted Don Rheault. We thought of improvements, but wondered how. As Council President, he not only knew how, he made it happen by approaching Riverside Park. His responsiveness to the project demonstrated true leadership qualities.

Thank-you, Don, for being part of Agawam's "family." You made it possible for our father to see the positive future that his years of dedicated service have created.

Your lifelong commitment to Agawam is genuine, and your deep sense of community and "family" offers a bright future for all of us.

Sincerely,

The Borgatti Children
Edward P. Borgatti
Shelley (Borgatti) Reed

Let's Support Councilors Who Favor A Smoking Ban

To The Editor:

Our Board of Health has voted 2-1 to continue to allow smoking in Agawam restaurants, in spite of the overwhelming evidence of the harm second-hand smoke can do. They chose not to heed surveys indicating that a vast majority of our townsmen and more than half of the restaurant owners in town were in favor of a smoking ban.

There is ample evidence that banning smoking does not affect business. Connie Hutton, tobacco control coordinator in West Springfield, was kind enough to speak at the recently held open meeting, stating that 10 restaurants have opened in West Side since that town went "no smoking" in 1994. In Westfield and West Springfield, there are lines waiting a half-hour or more for service. Where is this so in our town?

Mr. Girard states that the reason those businesses are so busy is because, "They have many more people coming to those places." Perhaps Mr. Girard should visit Brookside, the restaurant that recently opened on Route 57 in Southwick. It is located in an isolated spot, away from any stores to bring it business. Yet, it is very crowded both at lunchtime and for dinner service. Why is this so? Could it be because it is situated in-between two towns, Southwick and Agawam, whose citizens are willing to be inconvenienced by distance in order to enjoy a smoke-free meal?

The will of the people and the power of the press have failed to influence the decision of those who were chosen to protect the health of our townsmen. Fortunately, we still have a very powerful weapon at our disposal — our votes. Keep these names in mind when you go to the

polls. Candidates in favor of a ban are Louis Russo and Richard Morassi. Those opposed to the ban are Abraham Kasparian, Michael DelNegro, and Walter Meissner.

Sincerely,
Millicent Barnard
Feeding Hills

Rich Cohen Will Make An Excellent Mayor For Agawam

To The Editor:

PLEASE VOTE THIS OCTOBER 5TH PRIMARY. This is a reminder that on October 5th, we the citizens of Agawam can make a difference. On this day, we can help choose the mayoral candidate for the November election. I am sure many voters in this town have an opinion as to which candidate would or would not make a good mayor. The problem is only a minority will turn out to vote on this important day to voice their opinion.

I, like the rest of you, have an opinion. I will go to the polls on October 5th and voice my opinion by placing my vote. I am asking the voters of Agawam to do the same. I am also going to ask that you consider a newcomer to Agawam's political arena. I believe that Rich Cohen will make an excellent mayor for this town.

Rich Cohen is a long-time acquaintance to our family. He has assisted us in our educational choices and in the process became our friend. Rich Cohen says he will be a friend to the people of Agawam. He will listen to all of their concerns, ideas, and opinions. I believe he will listen to all sides of every issue before he forms an opinion. I believe he will act on his decisions, according to what he believes the majority of the people of Agawam want (providing it is economically sound for our community).

I believe as mayor, Rich's door will always be open to everyone. Rich's plan is to have members on his team from all aspects of the community. This is to make sure everyone's concerns, ideas, suggestions, dreams, questions, and so on are heard. Agawam does have a voice — it's you.

Again, I am going to ask you to vote on October 5th. Of course, I want you to vote for Rich Cohen, but more important than that, I want the citizens of Agawam to have an active voice in their community. Don't complain about the "old town politics." The primary IS important. Be pro-active and vote.

Nancy Melbourne
Feeding Hills

Kasparian Is Thinking About The Elderly In Agawam

To The Editor:

Thank you, Abe Kasparian, for thinking of the elderly and planning to use excess funds to take care of our sidewalks and treebelts.

This is a big problem for the elderly who have sidewalks in front of their houses. You have my vote!

Sincerely,
Eleanor Pietroniro
Agawam

Thompson Is Always There For Citizens Of Agawam

To The Editor:

As a senior citizen, I will be voting for Nancy Thompson for mayor.

She has 16 years of dedicated public service, as a member of the Council on Aging and as a proven leader on the City Council.

Ms. Thompson is always there for every citizen of Agawam.

Please vote Nancy Thompson for mayor, October 5th, for the sake of our community.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Monroe
Feeding Hills

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1999 at 7:00 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of PREMIER PARKS, INC., which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-49, of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a steel roller coaster to replace the existing "Black Widow" amusement ride which will exceed the height requirement at the premises identified as: 1623 MAIN STREET.

Doreen Prouty
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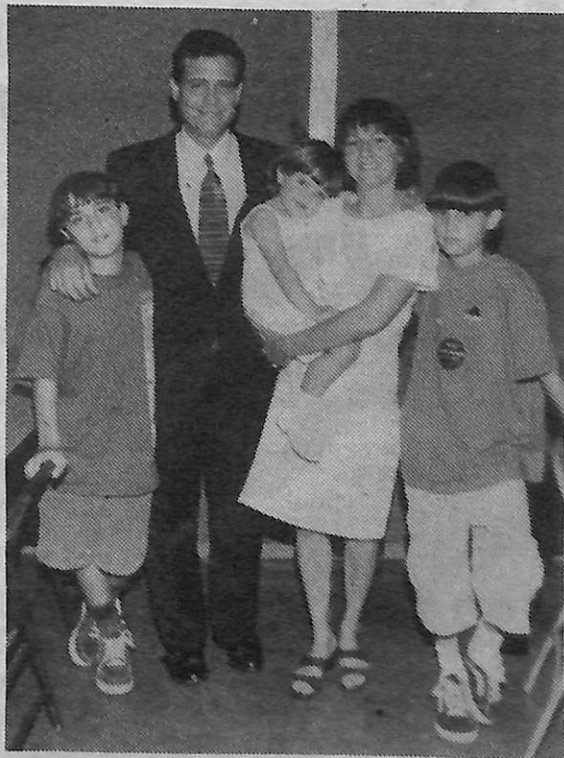
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Committee To Elect Joseph Mineo
Thomas DeNardo, Chairman

- Responsible
- Effective
- Open-Minded
- Accountability

Campaign '99

Theroux Outlines Preparations For Election

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

With the Mayoral primary looming on Tuesday, October 5th, Town Clerk Richard Theroux described the elements of preparation carried out by the Town Clerk's Office for upcoming elections. The Clerk's Office started in July by putting out the Political Calendar. Candidates had to file by August 17th in time for the Board of Registrars to meet for the purpose of certifying signatures on all nomination papers.

"We certify the signatures for nomination papers. Each candidate has to have the signatures of at least 100 voters for their petition," Theroux explained. "This year, we have a total of 32 candidates. This includes Mayoral candidates and City Council and School Committee hopefuls."



TOWN CLERK RICHARD THEROUX receives some help from his son, Mike, for the upcoming election. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Thursday, September 2nd was the last day for filing withdrawals of, or objections to, all nomination papers for the town preliminary election with the Town Clerk. Then on September 9th, the drawing of ballot positions by the Town Clerk for the primary took place at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 15th was the last day to register as a voter to be qualified to vote in the Mayoral preliminary election. The Clerk's Office was open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. on that day.

"This year, we are only running a primary for Mayor. It is very important for voters to take advantage of their right to vote in this primary, because it will decide which candidates will be in the final election in November. If a citizen does not vote in the primary, their favorite candidate might not be on the ballot on Election Day, November 2, 1999."

The Town Clerk's Office calls for workers at the polls and attends to matters such as machine set-up for the voters. Candidates must file Campaign Finance reports with the Town Clerk eight days before the primary, eight days before Election Day, and January 20, 2000 is the final reporting period.

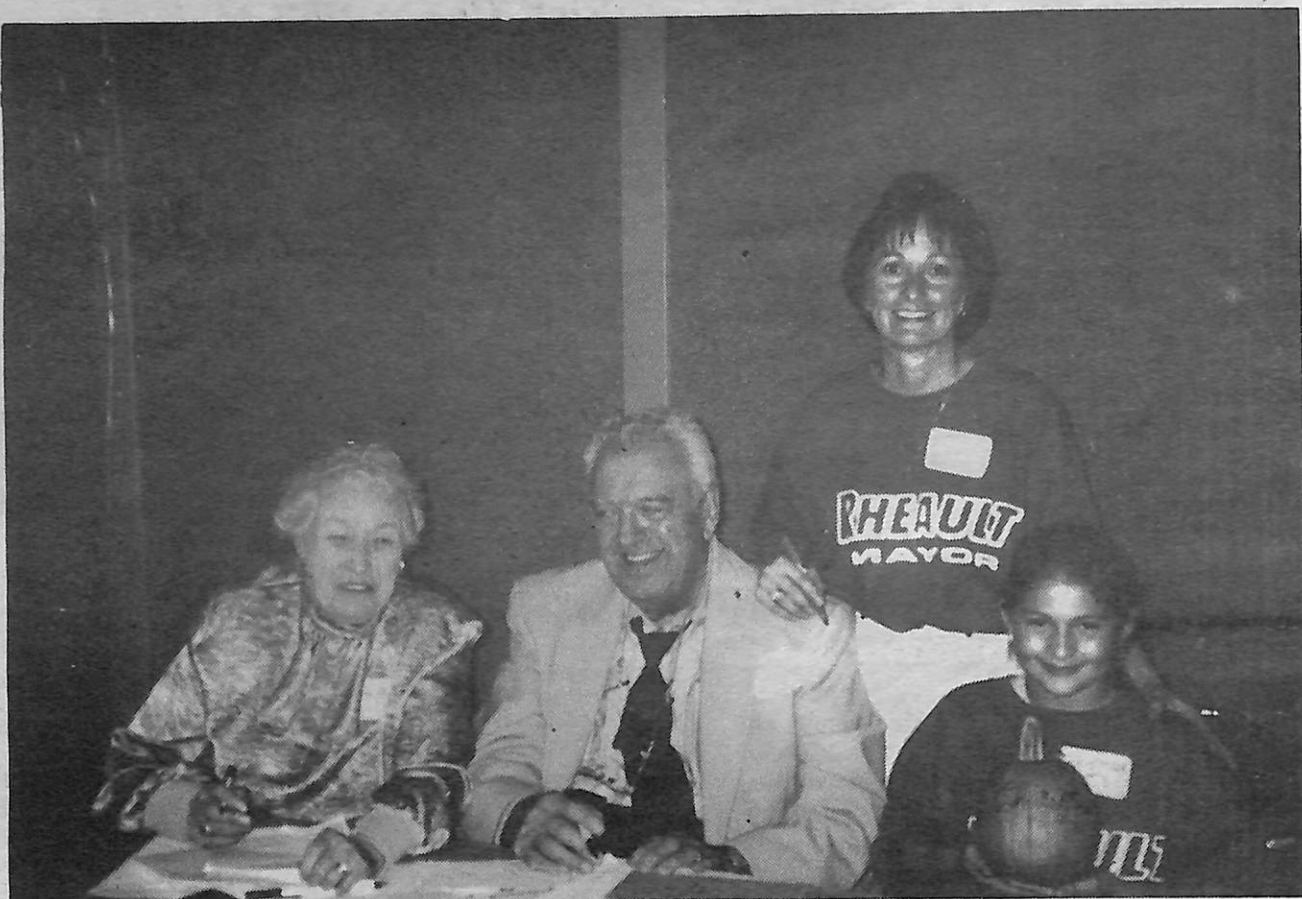
On Tuesday, October 5, 1999, the Town Preliminary Election will be held. Polls will open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the following locations:

- PRECINCT 1 - Robinson Park Elementary School, 65 Begley Street.
- PRECINCT 2 - Clifford M. Granger School, South Westfield Street.
- PRECINCT 3 - Agawam High School, Cooper Street.
- PRECINCT 4 - Agawam Middle School, 100 Main Street.
- PRECINCT 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street.
- PRECINCT 6 - James Clark School, Oxford Street.
- PRECINCT 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street.

The Town Clerk's Office will hold the drawing of ballot positions on October 7th for the Town Election. October 12th will be the last day for filing

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Recruiters For Rheault's Campaign



AT DONALD RHEAULT'S FUNDRAISER last Wednesday, September 22nd, campaign supporters were recruiting volunteers for various tasks (holding signs, working at the polls, etc.). Seated: Rita Pisano, Joe Pisano, and Christina Korney. Standing: Gina Korney. Advertiser

News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Hampden ss:

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Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in compliance with the provisions set forth in the Agawam Home Rule Charter as adopted November 16, 1971, the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts qualified to vote in elections, are herewith notified to meet in their respective polling places as follows:

- Precinct 1: Robinson School, 65 Begley Street.
- Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, South Westfield Street.
- Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street.
- Precinct 4: Agawam Middle School, 100 Main Street.
- Precinct 5: Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street.
- Precinct 6: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street.
- Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street.

on Tuesday, the fifth day of October 1999, at eight o'clock a.m. then and there to bring in their ballots for the election of officials to the following offices:

*** Mayor**

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

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Campaigning Makes For Hungry Voters...



AT DONALD RHEAULT'S ziti and meatball dinner at the Polish Club: in top photo — Kathy Landers and Jim Griffin (front row), and John Dowling, Bill Farwell, Todd Bard, and Bill Briggs (back row); in photo below — Karl Schmaelzle, Alan Boissonneault, and Dan Boissonneault. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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- Married (Wife, Adele)
- Both children graduated from Agawam High School



- Vice Chairman Zoning Task Force
- Attorney
- Past President and present member of Board of Directors, Agawam Lions Club

Committee to Elect Anthony C. Bonavita
John O'Brien, Chairman

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Negrucci Pledges His Commitment To The People Of Agawam

City Councilor John Negrucci, candidate for reelection, released the following campaign statement this week:

"Two years ago, I pledged a platform that stressed a respect for government and an end to the needless bickering that permeated the City Council. To that end, I feel I have made a positive contribution.

"The following issues will define my priorities and be given my continued efforts as your city councilor:

- Library expansion.
- New DPW garage.
- Bowles Road access to Industrial Park.
- Tuckahoe project closure.
- Continued financial support for education.
- Expanded Senior Center.
- Additional Industrial Park development.
- Utilization of open space assets.

"I welcome your calls and look forward to discussing any issue you feel is important to Agawam. You can reach me at 789-2887 or Billy Euliano at 786-0441.

"If you'd like a sign for your lawn or would like to make a contribution to the campaign, please call either of the above numbers," concluded Negrucci.

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written acceptance by candidates to be voted for whose names were not printed on the Preliminary Election Ballots and for filing of re-count petitions. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. on that day.

Voters must register by Wednesday, October 13th, to be eligible to vote in the Town Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 p.m. on that day. November 2nd is the Town Election. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. It is in the hands of the voters of Agawam to determine the results of this election, which includes the choice of a new Mayor.

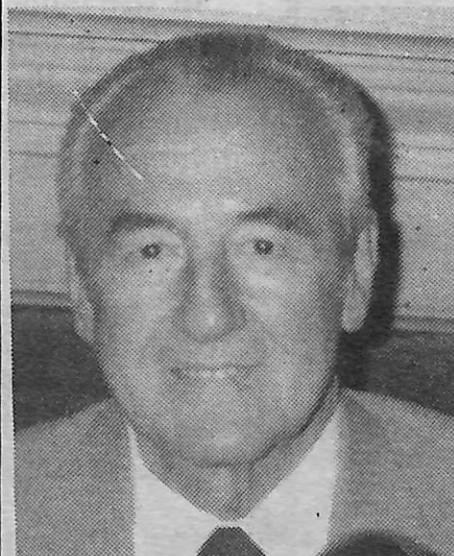
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Billy Euliano, Chairman

Kasparian Tells The Story Of A "Young Boy"...

In a press statement released this week, Abe Kasparian, candidate for Mayor of Agawam, said, "I want to tell you the story of a young boy."

"This boy grew up in what was called Six Corners in Springfield. His family consisted of his father, mother, and only one sister. He had no extended family, no aunts, uncles, or grandparents. He and his family experienced a very poor existence. This young boy shined shoes after school to earn money to buy clothes, and to sometimes even feed himself.

"This boy found school to be very difficult and he oftentimes felt very inadequate in the learning environment. With parents who had less than a sixth-grade education, this young boy was unable to acquire the family structure and support necessary to excel in school. At the young age of 15, this young boy found a note from his mother informing him that she was leaving his father, taking his sister with her.

"The note said, 'A boy needs a father, so I left you with him.' This was during a very tumultuous time during the history of our country. It was the 60's, the time of revolution, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Vietnam War. When this boy informed his father of his wife's leaving, his father, 20 years older than his mother and from 'the old country,' sat on the couch in the rented apartment, weeping. Within three months, his father had left, too.

"This young boy of 15 received a knock at the door. It was the local sheriff in tandem with the landlord. In the sheriff's hand was an eviction notice. The young boy was ordered into the streets and the furniture from the apartment was moved to the treebelt by the sheriff and his men. The boy, not having anyone to turn to, no family whatsoever, ended up homeless and somewhat helpless. He tried desperately to work, but he was not of age. He was unable to acquire a job.

"Remember, this was the 60's, and there were many 'communes' in the Springfield area, created by college students. These communes were of a political nature and communal living was a large part of the philosophy. Some of these were law students who attended Western New England College and are now prominent members of our community.

"This young boy gained refuge in these alternative communities. He cleaned their house and did whatever was necessary for him to stay within that household. He ended up on general relief (welfare). As time went on, he became of age. He was given a chance to work in a printing company in Ludlow. He had to walk from Six Corners to Ludlow to maintain his job. At around the same time, he met a young woman and they became romantically involved. He even found his own apartment for \$55 a month.

"He felt as if he would have the start of a normal life. A girlfriend, his own apartment, and a real job. However, he was still on general relief (welfare). Remember, this teenager had experienced so much tragedy and difficulty he was unsure of whether or not his job would exist, whether he would fit in, whether he would 'make the grade.' He surprised himself and held the job for three months. He picked up the phone, and initiated a call to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"He trusted he was doing the right thing when he conveyed to the social worker at the welfare office that he had found a job, was living in a new location, and told them that he had been working for the past three months. He realized that he was receiving checks while he was working, which is a violation of welfare recipients. He explained to them why he did what he did in the fashion he did, and wanted only to pay back the money he received from welfare when he was working; just under \$900. The welfare worker informed him that everything would be worked out in a couple of weeks, and wanted to know where he was working. The teen supplied the information that was requested of him. Assured that all would be well, he was very happy knowing that his life was changing for the better.

"Two weeks later, two men from the state police arrived at his job. They frisked him at his job site and placed him under arrest, securing records and books from his employer, and then placed him in the back of a car and whisked him away. Frightened and crying, this young teenager with no one to support him, no one to call, was taken to a police holding area in Springfield. The only person that came was the owner of the printing company from Ludlow to let him know that he wouldn't be all alone.

"The state provided a free attorney for him and his defense attorney asked him what he wanted. The boy said, 'I just want to pay the money back, and not go to jail. I know what I did was wrong, and all I want to do is pay it back, that is why I called to begin with.' The lawyer told him, 'You can't just pay back the state, they have to arrest you, try you, and find you guilty, and THEN you can pay them back.' And that is what this boy did; he plead guilty in 1972, nearly 30 years ago, to welfare fraud.

"This young man went on with his life working

and making a way for him and his young family in this world. He went on to create his own business, and at the age of 30, acquired his GED; at the age of 35, obtained his bachelor's of science degree from Westfield State College, and during that time at Westfield State, learned that he was severely dyslexic. After graduating from Westfield State, he went on to acquire a Master's of Education degree from Cambridge College. He became involved in his local community affairs, wanting to give back some of himself to a community that gave to him so much as an adult.

"This man's commitment to his community propelled him into becoming politically involved. He became very proactive and ran for elected office. While in a highly contested race, his opponent conspired with others to not only destroy this young man's chances of a successful bid for office, but his personal life as well. His opponent went beyond the simple comprehension of 'dirty politics,' which in and of itself is unconscionable, but in order to do his devilish deed, he violated the

laws of the Commonwealth and committed a criminal act. He illegally obtained information with the assistance of a family probate officer and a seasoned superior court probation officer. The sole purpose was to personally and politically annihilate this man. The information illegally obtained, from a supposedly sealed record of his boyhood past, gave his opponent information which he then used as a weapon.

"When evaluating this young boy's life, and right of passage, one must ask if placed in his set of circumstances, what they would do to survive. Would they have had the courage to struggle, to try to carve out a life to live? Would they have gone a different path, into a serious life of crime? Would you have been able to eat out of dumpsters while living on the streets? Who would you have trusted living on the streets at that tumultuous time in history?

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To the Citizens of Agawam:

In 1989, you changed the way Agawam's local government would work. You voted to eliminate the Council-Manager form of government and elected a Mayor.

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One of the reasons I am a candidate for Mayor of Agawam is that I do not want to see a return to the old style of politics that permeated Agawam in the 1970's and 1980's. Another reason is that I believe Agawam deserves a Mayor with professional experience in Agawam's local government and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well.

My candidacy represents continued growth for Agawam. I have not been afraid to put forth the issues that I believe are important to all of us, such as the education of our children, expansion of services for our senior citizens, and responsible development.

I believe your choice on October 5th is clear. We can return to the "good old boy" style of politics or we can look to a strong and prosperous future where we, together, face and meet the challenges of the coming years professionally and competently.

Sincerely,
Nancy E. Thompson, M.S., R.N.

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"When you read this article, look at your 15 year-old son or daughter, ask yourself, would they be prepared to deal with an existence such as that boy had to endure? Ask yourself, should any person continue to suffer the consequences of a youthful indiscretion, almost 30 years later?"

"Some might say character is all-important and we should know everything there is about candidates who are running for office. We should know what type of people they are, some might say, and I believe that is true. But we must know the whole story, not just the one line in the *Union News*, labeling someone without full explanation of the circumstances. For you have to remember, when I started this piece, it was that young boy who, with the conviction of his values to be honest, up front, and trusting, revealed to the Commonwealth what he had done and why."

"It was a matter of survival for this young boy, but that does not excuse his actions, but what was honorable about his actions, is that he stood up, admitted his guilt, and wanted to return what he had taken. He had no formal training from family, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, not even teachers. He professed his indiscretion, his act of wrongdoing, and his willingness to make it right."

"So, if it is character that counts and if it is honesty we look for in candidates, then I, Abe Kasparian, the young boy in the story, humbly ask for your vote on primary day, October 5th," concluded Kasparian.

Keenan Slates His Annual Pasta Dinner

Please join State Representative Dan Keenan for an evening of great food at his annual Pasta Dinner on Thursday, October 28th at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Dan looks forward to the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite!

Council Candidate Bonavita Is Against Negative Politics

This week, City Council candidate Anthony C. Bonavita has issued a statement against negative politics.

Bonavita stated, "My view of government's purpose is serving and protecting the people. A councilor should accomplish this in an honest, positive manner, not by negative politics or personal attacks."

Bonavita, who is 46 years-old, resides at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam, with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Carlo and Franca. He is an attorney at Bonavita, Walsh & Fogarty. This is the first time he has run for a council seat.

He elaborated, "I intend, as a councilor, to evaluate each issue on its merits. It is important to research an issue, which includes obtaining viewpoints from citizens on the subject. Consensus-building and leadership are necessary in varying degrees, depending on the issue. However, there is no place for negative attacks or personal attacks to achieve a goal."

"The City Council oftentimes will set the tone of our community. That is not to say that parties will not disagree or try to convince others of their respective positions. The key is professionalism and not forgetting the overall goal for the Town of Agawam."

Bonavita is Vice-Chairman of the Zoning Task Force and is a past president and present member of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Lions Club. He has extensive experience in municipal law, having served in the past for the town as a former town solicitor (attorney) representing the Town Council, and before that as associate town solicitor (attorney) representing the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

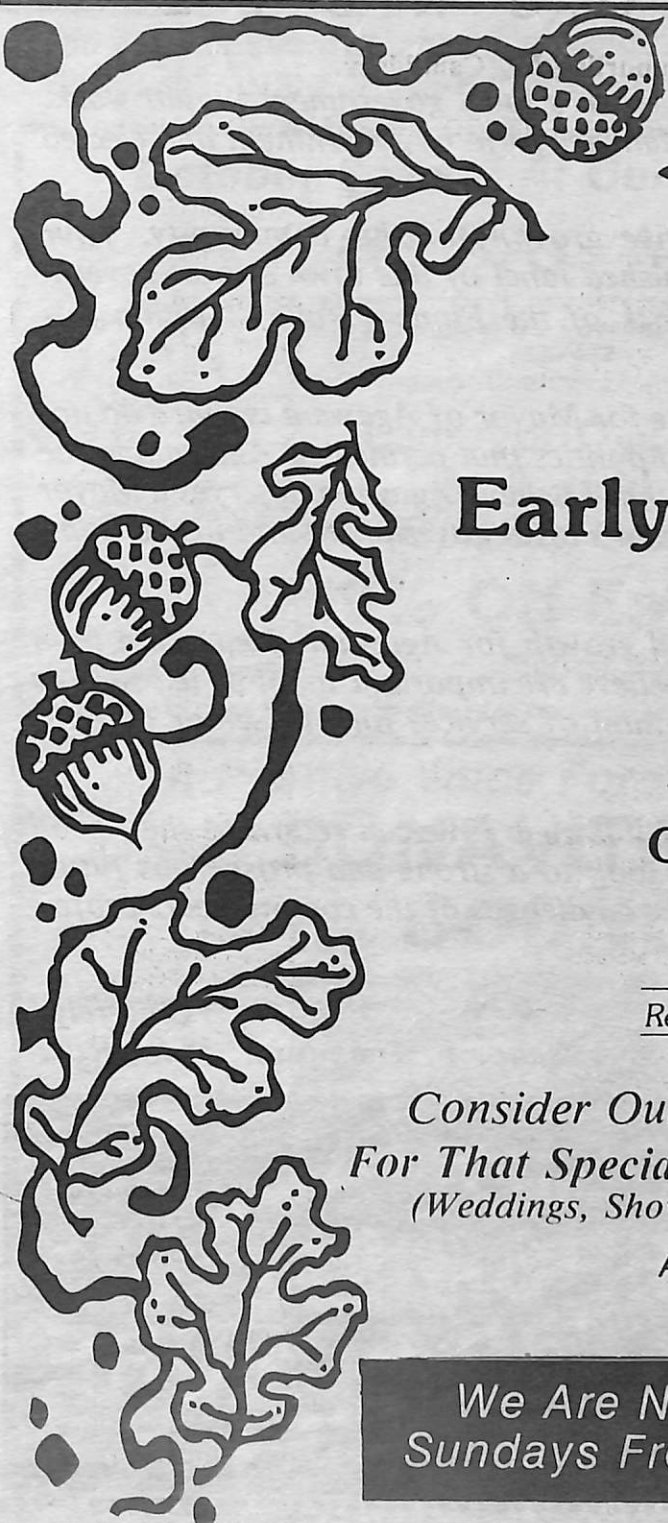
He concluded, "I know I have demonstrated my ability to work with others and to achieve goals within and for our community. Therefore, I ask your consideration for one of your 11 votes to work on the City Council. I will be a positive voice for Agawam."

Campaign "ing" Mgr.



JACK O'NEILL, campaign manager for the Committee to Elect Nancy Thompson Mayor, is shown in the photo above campaigning for his candidate at Phelps School.

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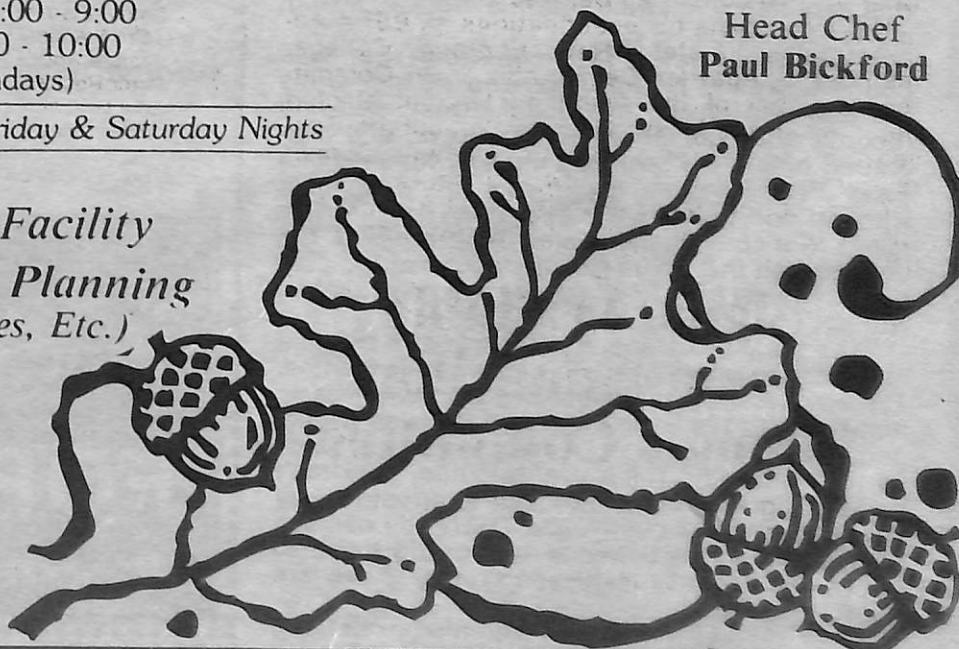
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MIKE DEL NEGRO

Mike Del Negro Announces Run For City Council

In a press statement released this week, City Council candidate Mike Del Negro said, "My name is Mike Del Negro and I want to be a voting member of the political body that shapes the future of Agawam. I need your vote."

"Let's get some simple things out of the way immediately," Del Negro said. "I support a strong school system and extracurricular activities for all of our children and grandchildren. I support a well-trained and equipped fire department as well as a strong police force. I also have a soft spot for senior citizens because in the not-so-distant future, I will be one myself," said Del Negro.

"Finally, just like everyone else, I feel that public works such as street-cleaning and trash pick-ups are essential to a community with pride."

"Now that we got that out of the way, let me tell you what makes me different from the rest of the candidates. My platform is three-fold:

• CITIZEN'S RIGHTS • STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY TAX • TRUTH IN POLITICS.

"CITIZEN'S RIGHTS: There are those who have ignored the fact that a cornerstone of democracy is citizen's rights. I have witnessed this abuse first-hand in our community. I didn't like it then and I don't like it now. Therefore, if any citizen in Agawam has their rights violated because of political indifference or political favoritism or zoning law infractions, or whatever, **I will be the councilor that will fight for that citizen, no matter where they live in town.**

"STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY TAX: Because of the expansion of Riverside and a true property tax payment from Berkshire Power rather than an in-lieu-of-tax agreement, our property taxes should be lowered by about \$100 per homeowner and then stabilized. If certain developers get their way, they will receive huge, undeserved abatements and we will see our property taxes go back up again. **I am the councilor that will fight unwarranted tax abatements.**

"TRUTH IN POLITICS: This is more than just politicians telling the sometimes painful truth all the time. It's about hiding from the public the whole story. It's about 'cover-ups.' An administration with absolute power can abuse that power. Over the last five years, I've seen what the power is capable of doing. 'Power corrupts and absolute power absolutely corrupts.' I am in favor of and will petition for a **Charter Review** and eventual **Charter Revision**," said Del Negro.

Del Negro lists his qualifications as BSBA Accounting - Western New England College; member of Agawam Democratic Town Committee; member of the American Legion; elected delegate to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention; and 25 years of management, human resource, and accounting experience.

Contributions may be mailed to "I Like Mike For City Council," 28 Losito Lane, Agawam, MA 01001.

Signs Available From Councilor Young's Committee

Lawn signs are now available for Town Councilor Robert M. Young.

If you would like to display a sign in your yard, please contact Joe Calabrese at 786-3977 or Karla Young at 786-8995.

Rheault's Campaign Now Has A Website

Peter and Korby Clark announced recently the formation of the "Don Rheault for Mayor" campaign website. The co-campaign managers welcome you to log on at <http://www.sysimp.com/agawam/rheault/>

The site will be updated periodically throughout the campaign. The site contains photographs and comments from Agawam voters, along with various press releases and background information about Don Rheault (pronounced "Rowe").

The site was developed and will be maintained by Agawam resident Jack Rioni.

Oct. 3rd Fundraiser For Robert M. Young

Councilor Robert M. Young has finalized plans for his fundraiser dinner. The date is Sunday, October 3rd, at the American Legion on Springfield Street from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

A ziti and chicken dinner will be prepared by Antonio's Grinders on Bay Street in Springfield and assisted by a host of volunteers, according to campaign manager Joe Calabrese.

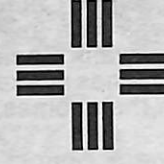
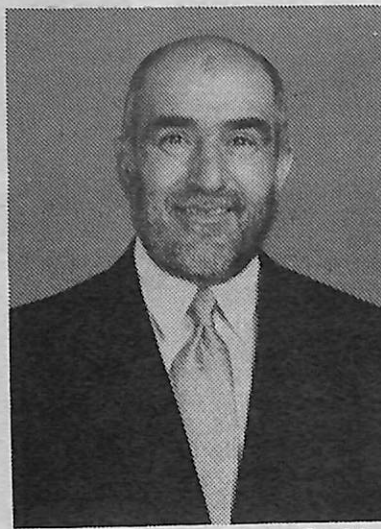
Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, or if you want to help, call Joe and Lynn Calabrese at 786-3977, or Karla Young at 786-8995.

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Gene Nannini
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Pam Jacobsen
Gloria Page
Dave Page

EDUCATION

- Agawam High School
- University of Massachusetts
- Boston University Law School

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- UNICO
- Member 1976-1999
- President 1995-1997
- Agawam Federal Credit Union
- Charter Member
- 1st President of original Community Credit Union
- Volunteer with special needs students
- Agawam School System 1987-1999
- Friend of Education Award 1988

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate City Solicitor for 10 Years
- Involved with land use issues including zoning, wetlands control, acquisition and assessment
- Familiar with most aspects of municipal law

Married to Linda A. Morassi, Granger Integrated Kindergarten Teacher and Attorney. One daughter, Christina, Photographer, NYC.

Campaign '99 - continued...**Thompson To Host Open Forum On Senior Citizen Issues**

Agawam City Councilor and candidate for Mayor, Nancy E. Thompson, will host an open forum on senior citizen issues. This forum will be held in the Community Building at Mansion Woods Condominiums on Suffield Street (Route 75) in Agawam on Saturday afternoon, October 2nd, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

This open forum is being held to discuss issues and concerns related to all senior citizens residing in Agawam.

Councilor Thompson stated, "I am taking this proactive stance because I want to hear and dialogue with the residents of Agawam on the issues relating to our senior citizens. The Agawam Senior Center, its expansion or construction of a new facility, health care and the cost of health care and medications for senior citizens, provision of services for the homebound, frail and/or poor elderly in our community, and recreational activities and facilities, are just a few issues that need addressing here in Agawam. I hope that dialogue will occur not only with senior citizens, but with their adult children as well."

Councilor Nancy Thompson served as a member of the Agawam Council on Aging for eight years and was one of the founders of Friends of the Agawam Senior Center. As a Registered Nurse, she has worked with the elderly and their families in their homes, in hospitals, and in nursing homes.

As Mayor of Agawam, Councilor Thompson will provide expertise and focus on the elderly residents of Agawam and the issues pertaining to them.

Russo Is A Strong Advocate Of Educational Issues

"My record as a friend of education has been one of positive action and dedicated involvement," said Louis Russo, candidate for City Council, in a press statement released this week.

"I have participated in many school programs that include those pertaining to both the gifted and learning disabled. I have coached students in Future Problem Solving and participated in the Real Aloud Program," Russo said.

"My involvement in school athletic booster organizations and various local scholarship committees is well-known. I have always felt that our educational system must be given a high priority if our children are to be able to compete in today's world and into the future. We are living in a society where every career field relies on technological advances. Therefore, it has become increasingly important that our children receive a good, well-rounded education in order to meet the challenges of new technologies.

"It is additionally important that, along with the 'three R's,' our children be allowed the opportunity to experience what extracurricular activities, such as athletics and the arts, have to offer. It is the combination of all areas of learning that forms the basis for understanding, maturity, and growth in our children. The future of our community, and society in general, lies in the promise of the students that are in our schools today. We must look at all our town's children and see not only who they are, but also who they can become," Russo continued.

"We should all be proud that we have enlarged our schools and beautified their exteriors. However, pretty facades and new additions don't make the student. It is what goes on inside the classrooms that determines what a good education is. Without books and paper, libraries and equipment, and yes, the teachers, schools are merely lifeless buildings. As your city councilor, I will work with the school administration, the teachers, and the School Committee to provide the funding to raise our school standards to the levels necessary to gain back full accreditation.

"The importance of educational issues cannot be overlooked. Graduating competent, well-rounded students is essential and extremely necessary in today's global job market. The future of our children is too precious a resource to neglect," concluded Russo.

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A "Sign" Of The Political Season...

MAYORAL CANDIDATE ABE KASPARIAN on the campaign trail, installing lawn signs at the request of his supporters.

Open Forum On Education Hosted By Thompson At Agawam Public Library

An open forum on education and Agawam's public school system was hosted recently by City Councilor Nancy E. Thompson, candidate for Mayor of Agawam. This forum took place at the Agawam Public Library on September 22nd.

Dialogue and constructive discussion took place between attendees, with Councilor Thompson serving as the facilitator.

Issues raised included Agawam High School's accreditation, books versus technology in

Agawam's school system, communication between the Mayor, School Committee, and parents, lengthening of the school day, AP classes, community service for vandalism of property, celebrating the achievements of Agawam's students, school nurses' salaries, SPED, and LPVEC.

Thompson has stated that if elected Mayor, she will follow up on the issues that were raised and provide feedback to Agawam residents.

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Thompson Provides Overview Of Mayoral Plans

Nancy E. Thompson, Agawam City Councilor and candidate for mayor, has issued the following press release providing an overview of her plans if elected mayor of Agawam:

"The residents of Agawam are looking for their next mayor to be a people's mayor ... a mayor who is a visionary and who will provide professional, competent, and concerned leadership to ensure that Agawam continues to move forward in a positive and progressive direction. As the next mayor of Agawam, I will be comitted to providing that leadership.

"My vision for Agawam is that it continues to be the wonderful community it is in which families and individuals live, work, play, and do business. I am a mother of four grown children and grandmother of one granddaughter. I am a Registered Nurse who holds both a Bachelor and Master's degree from the University of Massachusetts. I have worked as a Nurse Executive, a Nurse

Manager, and an Assistant Professor of Nursing.

"I served eight years on the Agawam Council on Aging and now eight years on the Agawam City Council, where I was president for two years. I have a commitment to this wonderful community of Agawam and an educational and experience base which provides me with the skills to be the mayor of Agawam.

"Agawam has made tremendous progress over these last 10 years with the mayor-council form of government. It is my intention to continue to build on the solid foundation which has been achieved by our present Mayor and town employees.

"My plan as Agawam's next mayor will include:

- * providing safe and comprehensive public services to all Agawam residents;
- * making quality education, for all Agawam children from preschool to high school a top priority;
- * establishment of a Mayor's Council on Youth;
- * expanding or building a new Agawam Senior

Center and expanding services to all elderly Agawam residents;

- * construction of a new DPW facility;
- * establishing a second industrial park here in Agawam;
- * actively moving forward on the completion of phase two of the Route 57 expansion;
- * aggressively addressing the reconstruction of the South End Bridge;
- * addressing the provision of sewers in Feeding Hills;
- * expansion of the Agawam Public Library; and...
- * working with the Recreation Committee to plan and develop services to meet the recreational needs of all age groups here in Agawam.

"This is an historic election, as Agawam will be electing its second mayor. I encourage all voters to please vote in the primary election on Tuesday, October 5th," concluded Thompson.

Greeting The Voters...



CITY COUNCILOR AND MAYORAL CANDIDATE Nancy E. Thompson (right) is pictured above greeting Agawam resident Anne Marie Polaski at her home.

Richard Cohen's Schedule Of Events

Friday, October 1st: Meet Richard Cohen at Dave's Soda & Pet City parking lot from 7:00 p.m. to ????. Music and entertainment provided by Tom Melbourne and Music Box productions.

Saturday, October 2nd: Coffee hours from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at private residences.

Sunday, October 3rd: Cohen will be at Feeding Hills center holding a placard. Stop by and meet him from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Private coffee hour, 2:00 p.m.; Fundraiser dinner at Ferruccio's at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5th: Primary headquarters at Mr. Shower Door, 646 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Stop by at the tents. Free refreshments. Support Richard Cohen for Mayor! Music provided by Tom Melbourne and Music Box Productions of Agawam.

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In accordance with Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will continue to conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA in regards to the proposed ordinance known as Regulations Affecting Smoking in Public Places.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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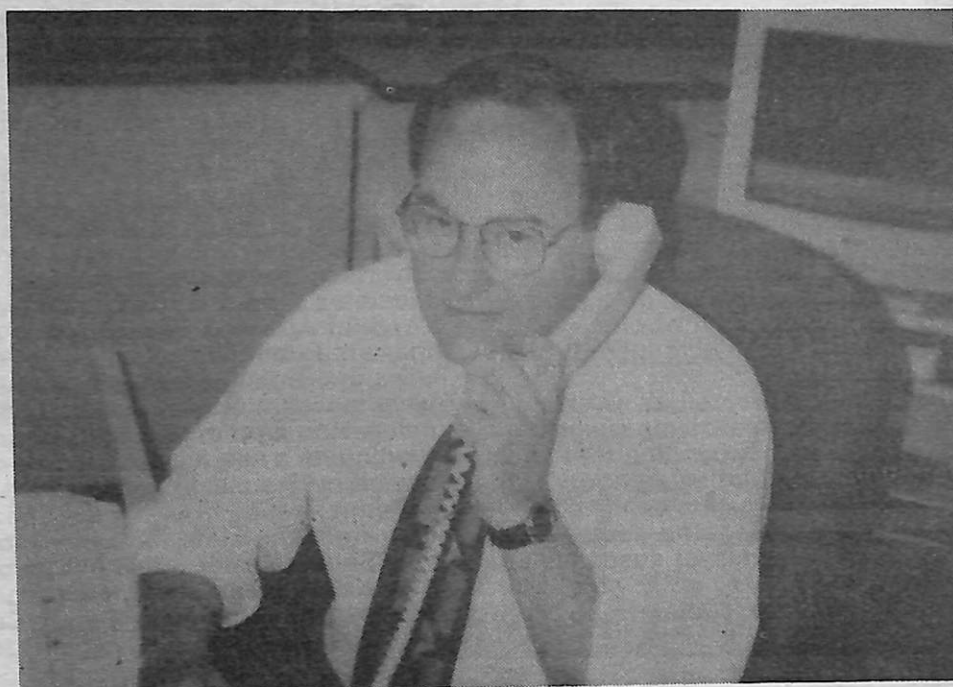
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As the mayoral election gets closer, more and more lawn signs are appearing around town, and the whole town is buzzing with the same question — "Where is Cohen's lawn signs?"

What the people of Agawam need to know is that Richard Cohen is not like any other candidate before him; he is totally unpolitical and is more concerned about meeting and helping people.

Cohen's feeling about lawn signs is this: "I will be as concerned about money during this campaign as I will be after the elections. I want to show people that you don't need to spend a lot of foolish money to get the message out."

Continuing on this topic, Cohen says, "When you see their signs, you will be thinking of me and how concerned I am about people ... not signs."

Cohen's popularity has been building via a network of hard-working citizens who have been seen at the popular crossroads in town and at numerous coffee hours around the city. He has been knocking on doors in neighborhoods and greeting people at the local grocery stores and coffee shops.

This "grass roots" campaign has built up an enormous following of people helping a new, fresh, and vibrant candidate — Richard Cohen.

Kasparian Outlines
His Views On
Agawam's Issues

Abe Kasparian, candidate for mayor of Agawam, issued the following press release detailing his viewpoints on various issues facing the Town of Agawam:

Police Commission

"It is my strong belief that the mayor of our great community can not, in all good conscience, be the appointing authority as well as the investigating authority for wrongdoing in the appointments he or she might make. Case in point: dealing with the chief of police of the city of Agawam, who violated his oath of office and attempted to corrupt a newly-graduated officer under his command.

"The chief of police instructed an arresting officer of a DWI suspect to release his suspect and doctor up the paperwork surrounding that arrest. The Mayor, who is the appointing authority of the chief of police, also serves as the police commissioner and — after hearing the facts of the outrageous conduct — the Mayor suspended the chief for a mere 30 days.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAUL E. CARON (right) and GSAR government affairs committee member and Agawam mayoral candidate Abe Kasparian discuss current legislation pertaining to real estate prior to dinner at the Delaney House. The Greater Springfield Association of Realtors (GSAR) Government Affairs Committee sponsored this dinner to promote and discuss ideas and issues pertaining to real estate and other community issues. Approximately 200 people attended this dinner.

State Rep. Keenan And Candidate Kasparian
Discuss Issue Of A New Agawam Senior Ctr.

At a recent dinner sponsored by the Government Affairs Committee of the GSAR, State Representative Dan Keenan and Government Affairs Committee member and mayoral candidate Abe Kasparian discussed the Agawam Senior Center.

Kasparian, after visiting the Senior Center, conveyed to Keenan the concerns of the senior staff members and the serious, hazardous working conditions due to the persisting water problems in the basement of the state-owned building housing the Senior Center. Kasparian asked Keenan whether there would be support in the legislative delegation here in Hampden County to help with funding for a new center. The new center would be owned by the citizens of Agawam.

Keenan responded that the possibilities of funding from the state for a city project such as a new Senior Center would not be out of the question. Keenan went on to tell Kasparian that if the city leaders made a new Senior Center a priority, the legislative delegation would look favorably on funding.

Keenan remarked that Agawam is not planning a Basketball Hall of Fame, library funding is in place, and there are no new priority projects, so the possibility is very strong if the community leaders moved it forward as a priority. Kasparian remarked to Keenan that a plan that would incorporate a new Senior Center, and soccer fields on previously owned County property, would be a great place for this project.

Keenan did not shy away from the property on School and River Road, and reiterated the need for the community leaders to set the priorities in the community. Kasparian promised Keenan that as Mayor, Kasparian would bring forth the plan to utilize previously owned County property, now owned and controlled by the state, to create a senior and youth activity location.

Keenan and Kasparian shook hands and with a few fun jokes, finished the rest of the evening and enjoyed the festivities.

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Acts 14:1-7,19

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distresses, for Christ's
sake. — 2 Cor. 12:10

I remember a time when my children were young and my wife was in bed with a stubborn case of the flu. I was trying to fill in for her the best I could, but the kids weren't cooperating. Even though I spent a lot of time playing with them, they seemed determined to fill the house with more noise and mess than I could tolerate. Why couldn't they calm down and do more to help? I wondered why they couldn't be more considerate for their mother's sake—and for my sake?

Then I thought about my relationship with God. Do I treat Him the way my kids were treating me? He must be grieved at times by my insensitivity to His concerns.

Later I began looking up every passage of Scripture that mentions doing something for the Lord's sake, doing what we know pleases Him. I read about Paul, Peter, and Stephen—men who put their lives on the line for Christ's sake. For them that phrase was a way of life, not just empty words. On one occasion, the apostle Paul was even stoned and left for dead because he dared to proclaim the gospel (Acts 14:19).

I wonder how much of what I do and say is for my Lord and Savior's sake? That's a good question for all of us to ponder. —MRDII

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"Whether one subscribes to the notion that this case was adjudicated fairly is not the issue. What is at issue, is the mayor's role as both the appointing authority and investigating authority. This case cries out for true checks and balances in our community.

"As mayor, I will promote, on the very first day in office, the enactment of a citizen-controlled police commission. A commission that would be chosen by the City Council (legislative body) and ratified by the mayor. The commission, as I propose, would be a seven-member body; one person chosen from each precinct. That body would have a two-year term to run concurrent with the City Council and the mayor's office, and have total autonomy on adjudication of police matters within our city.

"If matters of law are violated by officers meant to uphold those laws, then it would be the police commission's responsibility to submit their findings to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. The people who serve in office, elected or appointed, must be held to a higher standard of accountability when it comes to violation of law."

Berkshire Power

"As I vie for the office of mayor and reflect over this explosive issue, the two most powerful words that have divided a community, pitted neighbor against neighbor, family against family, and good friends against each other, are Berkshire Power. The lesson that we must learn from the last three years of fighting amongst ourselves and the dark side that has consumed us in controversy, is how to avoid this sickness in our community in the future.

"We must understand that Berkshire Power is, in fact, a reality in Agawam. Lawsuits have been dismissed, property owners near Berkshire Power have settled with Berkshire Power, and as distasteful as it may seem, the Boston Siting Board has overturned the City Council's and the Planning Board's decisions.

"We must ask ourselves how was Berkshire Power able to become such a destructive influence in our community? Unfortunately, it starts with us. We allowed this to happen. We did this through our zoning bylaws. Berkshire Power looked at our zoning bylaws and was able, through legal recourse and financial persuasion, to put forth its agenda to build a power plant in Agawam.

"The lesson that should have been learned three years ago when this all started is to start redrafting our zoning bylaws and amend those bylaws to bring them current to the language we all utilize today. But, alas, each election year we talk about reforming our zoning bylaws and very little, if anything, is completed.

"If we truly want to see change, if we are truly concerned about the style and the type of industry we want to see flourish within the borders of Agawam, our home, then we as a people must start with our City Council and the mayor's office to redesign and redefine what we as a community want to have as corporate citizens."

DPW Building

"Everyone in Agawam is aware of the deplorable condition of our DPW building. It is somewhere in our budget as a capital improvement project that for some reason never seems to be moved to the front burner. The municipal employees who work at this facility, as I understand it, work in an environment that would probably be shut down if this was owned by private enterprise. It is almost laughable, sadly so.

"Each and every election year, candidates come out and they say it's time to get the DPW building repaired again. Some elected city officials would even suggest to take private, tax-paying property from a private owner on Tennis Road through eminent domain and construct a new facility.

"Let me leave you with this thought: approximately, five years ago, while I was serving as a board member of West Mass Area Development, who is in charge of the Agawam Industrial Park, we voted, under certain conditions, to give two to three acres of land to the city, specifically for a new DPW garage. This offer was never acted upon by the city. The eminent domain taking that is being talked about by some of our City Councilors, so I understand, could cost upwards of \$700,00 for the property.

"At a recent Agawam retiree meeting where mayoral candidates were invited to express their views as candidates, one of the members of the audience questioned a candidate other than myself on whether or not the Council had considered the 12 acres of land that the city already owned which had not yet been developed. The candidate's response was, 'No, it had not.'

"As mayor, I would move quickly to produce plans to be approved by the City Council within the first month of office to utilize land already owned by the city, or working with our state legislators, utilize once-owned County property in Feeding Hills behind the Police Training Academy and produce a new DPW facility. Feeding Hills would be a perfect location since the completion of phase one of the expansion of Route 57."

Education

"Nearly half of our city budget is spent on education for our children. In that budget in the past, we have spent a large amount of money sending some of our children out of our district, into very expensive special ed programs. Some of our children are hard to handle, or are termed special needs.

"I would, as mayor, try to influence keeping our children within the borders of Agawam, hiring the professionals that we would need locally to deal with 'special needs.' I have had the displeasure of spending time at one of these facilities in Springfield in the Mason Square area, and have seen students be given cigarette breaks as a way of controlling and regulating their behavior. Interacting with students of other special needs from across the area, rather than learning to assimilate in their own community, in their own schools, in their own hometown, sets them apart.

"I have also had the humbling pleasure of working with a group of dedicated Agawam High School students in an after-school group called the 'Agawam High Model Congress.' This after-school group is one of many after-school student

groups. The Agawam High Model Congress goes on field trips challenging other high schools on college campuses, debating legislation. They are learning how legislation becomes law, and also about the dynamics involved in creating legislation from its infant stages through the debate stage, and finally, becoming law. This experience helped these young people make life decisions.

"In my analysis, this type of after-school activity is a fundamental part of their right of passage, as are many other of our after-school programs. What troubles and concerns me is these students, in order to attend functions, need to obtain funding. So many parents today hold two jobs and yet, at the same time, work on the weekends with their children washing cars, having bake sales, supporting raffles in an effort to fund the after-school activities that their children belong to.

"Whether it is the High School Band, the football team, or the Agawam High Model Congress, there is money that they must raise to support their activities. I have seen first-hand how hard

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these students work to acquire money to see their after-school association survive, and as mayor, I would ask that matching funds be promoted by the School Committee and be included as a line item in the School Committee budget for all after-school groups that are sanctioned by the Agawam Public School System.

"As mayor, I would have the pleasure of serving as a member of the School Committee. Although I hold a Master's degree in education, I would not assume to know more than the collective wisdom of the elected School Committee and the chosen school administration. I would never move to change the current school administration; that is a pledge that I make. I would only ratify the endorsements of the School Committee and seek the wisdom of parents' groups as to the administration of our school system.

"I would, on the first day in office, make my position on the School Committee as mayor, a non-voting position. It is the job of the School Committee to look out for the interest of the students and the youth in our community, and I would not stand in the way or compromise that position. The mayor, by virtue of the office, determines the overall budget for the city.

"With nearly 50 percent of all money spent in Agawam going to the school budget, I as mayor would not interfere with the School Committee or administration to create a budget that they feel to be necessary; however, I would exercise extreme financial prudence when incorporating the School Committee's budget in the overall budget for the city.

"If a budget submitted by the School Committee seemed to be excessive, I would only require the School Committee to reassess its position to assure a prompt budget and one that was fiscally sound to meet the palate of the taxpayer."

Transitional Team

"Like so many major corporations, when there is a new administration most of the employees at the corporation and the management staff are concerned that their jobs might be in jeopardy. Just look at the recent merger between the Bank of Boston and Fleet. Nearly 1,500 jobs will be lost to consolidation of their locations and to management downsizing. And some due to change in administration. To wit, bringing in their own 'new team' to take the place of the established employees.

"Unfortunately, this also happens in government. The successful candidate, you can rest assured, has an entourage of his supporters from campaign managers to press release managers; whatever titles they held in the campaign, they will hold new titles within the taxpayer dole.

"I make a pledge to the voters and taxpayers of Agawam NOT to change one staff member, not to change a worker, not to change administration; in other words, I would enter the corner office on Main Street in Agawam and work closely with the current staff and administration. The only time I would consider any type of change, would be based upon the performance of each person's service to the voters and taxpayers of Agawam.

"I see no need to change any staff person, for our community is a fine, healthy, vibrant, and appealing community that is evidenced by the growing population both in the residential and business sectors."

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Susan R. Dawson Announces Her Candidacy For The Agawam School Committee

Susan R. Dawson of 21 Alexander Drive, Agawam has announced her candidacy for the Agawam School Committee. Mrs. Dawson is well versed in the laws pertaining to education, and her extensive background in education and human services will lend new and creative ideas to the Committee.

Mrs. Dawson is best known for her service to children with disabilities in her varied work as a professional advocate for the past nine years. Her commendable work has earned her several honors, including the Holyoke Community College award for her role in facilitating the "Cooperative Education Program," as well as the Department of Mental Retardation's recognition award for "Families 1000."

While Mrs. Dawson has worked extensively as an advocate of special education, she also has far-reaching plans to improve education for all of Agawam's school children. She feels that in our efforts to create specific programs to meet the needs of both special needs and gifted and talented children, the needs of children in the middle are often not fully recognized.

"I would like to return to a program of individualized learning in our schools," Mrs. Dawson said. "With this type of program, we will be able to address each child's individual needs, creating a better learning environment for all of our town's school children," she said.

Reading is one area within the schools' curriculum that Mrs. Dawson would like to help

strengthen.

"I am alarmed by the increasing number of students who have difficulty reading when they reach middle school," Mrs. Dawson said. "I would work to create more diversity in the reading programs available to children at the elementary school level, so that more children can read without being sent out of the district," she said.

"With the support of the people of Agawam, I look forward to being elected on November 2nd so that I can work to further improve the schools in Agawam so that our children are fully prepared with the skills they need for their future," Mrs. Dawson said.

Susan and her husband, JD, have been married for 12 years and are the proud parents of three children: Andy, 10; Zach, 8; and Taylor, 7, all of whom attend the Agawam public schools. As a family, the Dawsons have served as the local Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Goodwill Ambassadors," and they have also promoted the "Cones for Kids" campaign for Easter Seals.

Mrs. Dawson is active as a Pioneer Valley Council Girl Scout leader for Troop No. 580 in Agawam. On Saturdays and Sundays, the Dawsons can be found on the local soccer fields with their children's soccer teams, cheering on the Agawam Storm or the Volcanoes.

"The Committee to Elect Susan Dawson" is seeking your vote on November 2nd. The Committee is also accepting political contributions mailed to 20 Alexander Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.

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"In the first 60 days of office, I would work with all the communities that make up the Hampden County Retirement Association to compel our state legislators and our Governor to keep their promise when they took Hampden County government. That is, to fund the approximately \$400,000.00 a year shortfall in the Hampden County retirement system.

"Agawam taxpayers are paying for the abolition of Hampden County government. The Boston legislators have let the voters and taxpayers of

Agawam and many other communities like Southwick, Tolland, Blandford, Chester, Palmer, and more holding the bag. Our local legislative delegation trusted in the unwritten words of the Boston delegation — to our detriment.

"We must rally together as communities with a common interest, and let our collective needs be known in Boston. This \$400,000.00 drain on our city affects seniors, students, and the continued growth of Agawam as a whole, and profits only Boston political interests.

"In conclusion," stated Kasparian, "I look forward to continuing this line of communication. As mayor of Agawam, I would ask Ric Sardella, the editor of the finest small-time newspaper in the area, *The Agawam Advertiser News*, to afford the

mayor's office a column to address the community on a weekly basis.

"I also, as mayor, would ask the indulgence of the City Council to include on its agenda after Citizens' Speak Time, a period of 10 minutes for the mayor to address the City Council on issues concerning the citizens of Agawam and of importance to the Council.

"Communication is the greatest of tools that we can possess. If used openly, honestly, and fully, communication and understanding will benefit the community," said Kasparian.

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Campaign '99 - continued...

MELISSA A. FRAGA, candidate for Agawam School Committee, with her husband, Steven, and sons, Nathan (left) and Kyle (right).

Melissa A. Fraga Announces Her Run For School Committee

Melissa A. Fraga of 52 Garden Street is running for a seat on the Agawam School Committee. A resident of Agawam for 30 years with two children currently in the school system, she is committed to serving in the best interest of the community.

Fraga has attended Holyoke Community College and is transferring to Westfield State College to finish her degree in Elementary Education. Along with Steven (her husband of 10 years), Fraga is raising two sons, five year-old Kyle and eight year-old Nathan, both of whom currently attend James Clark Elementary School.

Fraga is dedicated to work for the best interests of the Town of Agawam children and school staff members, as well as the administration. She believes that there should be someone that parents, teachers, and the administration can go to with their honest comments, suggestions, and concerns regarding their children of all ages. Furthermore, she would like to see more security at the Junior and Senior High Schools, along with security at the elementary schools.

With everything going on in society today, Fraga believes we need to take precautions. Children of all ages need to be able to feel safe, and parents need to feel secure when sending their child off to school. Additionally, teachers and administrators should feel safe and secure while performing their daily duties.

Fraga believes we are all on the same team and everyone wants what is best for our children, who are the future leaders of tomorrow. She is looking forward to the upcoming elections and an opportunity to serve the community by successfully securing a seat on the Agawam School Committee.

Bonavita Accepting Invitations For Coffee Hours

As a candidate for the Agawam City Council, Anthony C. Bonavita is accepting invitations for coffee hours throughout the election campaign.

Bonavita explained, "I have already been meeting voters to obtain their input. My committee members and I have been discussing different ways to meet the voters. Therefore, we plan to hold coffee hours where voters can ask questions on issues."

Bonavita, an Attorney with Bonavita, Walsh & Fogarty, resides at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam, with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Carlo and Franca. Both children have graduated from Agawam High School and now attend college.

John O'Brien of Feeding Hills serves as Bonavita's campaign committee chairman. O'Brien added, "Anthony is asking for the voters' opinions on the issues. He wants to know what issues are important to them. We believe coffee hours will help in that process."

Therefore, anyone who wants to schedule a coffee hour can contact Bonavita at 786-2079, O'Brien at 786-7438, or committee member Marie Kellogg at 789-8681.

Kasparian Outlines Plans For New Senior Ctr..



MAYORAL CANDIDATE ABE KASPARIAN (far left) was one of the candidates invited to attend a recent board of directors' meeting of the Agawam Council on Aging at the Senior Center. Kasparian outlined his plans for a new 20,000 square foot Senior Center. The plans were commissioned by the former Hampden County Community Service Committee, which Kasparian served on as the chairman.

Rheault With Campaign Committee Chiefs...



MAYORAL CANDIDATE DONALD RHEAULT (far left) with Korby & Pete Clark, his campaign committee co-chairmen, and campaign treasurer Rudy Altobelli, at Rheault's ziti and meatball dinner. The fundraiser was held last Wednesday evening, September 22nd, at the Polish Club in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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"Hey, What's That In Our Yard???"...

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

by Joan Lussier
Staff Writer

Did you ever hear the slamming of car doors in your driveway in the evening and just know you were having unexpected guests for dinner?

This past Sunday evening, for several residential areas of Agawam, unexpected "dinner guests" arrive not by car, but by hot air balloons landing in their backyards or in the street in front of their homes!

The balloons, part of a three-day balloon festival at Riverside Park, were launched Friday, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon.

This was the second year for the balloon festival at Riverside, which involved over 30 balloonists and throughout the weekend, balloons could be seen over the Agawam area as well as over the Suffield and Windsor Locks areas.

On Sunday afternoon when the balloons left the park, there was little movement in the air and several balloons made not crash landings, but unexpected landings, much to the surprise of some quiet neighborhoods.

One balloon, piloted by Mario DiStefano, chief aeronaut of Bella Mia Balloon Co. of Worcester, MA, began to come down not far above the trees of Adams Street neighborhoods (off Main Street).

Residents filled their yards and streets as the balloon got closer to the ground, finally resting in the backyard of the Nowik family of 46 Rosie Lane.

Ursula Nowik, 17, a junior at Agawam High School, told us, "We were looking outside at all the balloons in the air and we were very excited to see them. This balloon just kept getting closer and we were wondering where it was going to go into the ground and all of a sudden, it was in the backyard right next to the trampoline! It was really cool!"

DiStefano, a pilot since 1982, said, "We went where the wind took us and since there was little movement in the air, we needed a safe place to land and it was here!"

No Side-To-Side Controls

He went on to explain that it takes about a half-hour to set up the balloon and get it ready for take-off. The balloon has controls for up and down, but not from side-to-side. Each balloon has a balloon



ONE OF THE BALLOONS that could be seen in the sky last weekend throughout the Agawam, Suffield, and Windsor Locks areas.

Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

retrieval crew or support vehicle that stays in contact with the balloon and as the balloon lands, the crew is ready to catch the ropes to help pull the balloon safely to the ground, where it is then deflated.

Bob Pilon, also a Rose Lane resident, said, "This is a quiet neighborhood and all of a sudden, in a matter of minutes, it was just like a big block party with a big balloon."

Not far from the Rosie Lane neighborhood,

there was excitement in the Candlewood Drive area as another balloon gently set down in the middle of the street.

Judy Caroleo of 75 Candlewood Drive said, "I was making dinner and putting it on the table when it looked like the balloon was going to land. This is a very exciting evening and even though dinner is on the table, we couldn't miss this!"

This balloon was piloted by Bill Costen of Bloomfield and when asked why he landed in this neighborhood, he said with a big smile, "This looks like a beautiful neighborhood and just look how happy I have made all the neighbors!"

Effect Of Temperature On Flight

Costen, a pilot for 25 years and president of Sky Endeavors, Inc. of West Hartford, told us that how the balloon flies actually depends on the outside temperature; the cooler it is, the balloon flies easier because the air inside has to be heated 100 degrees hotter than the actual air temperature.

The weight limit for passengers is the gondola depends on the size of the balloon and for Costen's balloon, it could carry 2,500 pounds and still lift.

Costen also said, "There are less and less wide open areas for landing, so we just looked for an area that was large enough to make a safe landing."

After the landing on Candlewood Drive, which is located off Pineview Circle, it took only a matter of minutes for the balloon support crew to deflate and pack up the balloon.

To deflate the balloon, ropes are pulled on the inside that release a small panel on top of the balloon, which lets the air out.

When most of the air is out of the balloon and it is on its side, it is rolled from the gondola (or basket) out, releasing all of the air from inside the balloon. After the balloon is rolled into a small parcel, it is put in a protective bag, which is then put into the gondola and carried off to the support vehicle.

Seeing the colorful balloons in the sky was a beautiful sight, and for the neighborhoods who had unexpected "dinner guests," the giant balloons may be gone, but the excitement, as short-lived as it was, will remain with them for a long time!

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Fire Inspector Sums Up Dept.'s Y2K Readiness

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

(This is the second in a series of several articles intended to summarize presentations made by public officials who spoke at a Y2K Forum at St. David's Church in Feeding Hills on Sept. 15.)

Fire Inspector Michael Mercadante gave a direct summary of the Y2K readiness of the Agawam Fire Department on September 15th at St. David's Church on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The intention of St. David's Pastor Reverend Leonard Cowan when he coordinated the forum was to enhance public awareness of potential Y2K problems in Agawam, and it was reassuring to observe the response of the invited public officials who showed up and gave their summations of the Y2K situation as it applied to their area of responsibility. It was also reassuring to learn that most questions have been addressed, systems have been checked and re-checked, and disasters in town due to Y2K are not likely. Should there, in fact, be problems, contingencies and back-up plans are being put in place on a local level.

Mercadante opened his presentation by stating, "There are no date-sensitive computers used in the day-to-day operations of the Fire Department." The AFD uses computers for billing and payroll, but computers are not involved for any other department operations. The 911 system, which goes through the Agawam Police Department, has been cleared of any potential Y2K problems, according to Police Chief Robert Campbell.

"Our radios are just that, radios," continued Mercadante. "We can communicate from vehicle-to-vehicle, from station-to-vehicle, with high quality, small, portable units. We had the opportunity to test these radios from Southampton recently, and the signal was perfectly clear." This method, as well as others, would function despite any upsets due to Y2K, he noted.

Fire Department "Ever Diligent"

Mercadante, who was appointed to the post of fire inspector last January 1st, pointed out that he took an oath to watch over the people in the com-

munity. "The Fire Department is ever diligent," he assured the audience, adding an old adage that firefighters follow - "150 years of traditions undisturbed by progress." We are slow to give up tried and true methods and prefer a hammer striking a bell and a siren over the computer-generated warbling sounds.



AGAWAM FIRE INSPECTOR MICHAEL MERCADANTE. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Computers have not taken over all the essentials for the Fire Department," Mercadante pointed out. "We have six portable generators ranging from 3,000 to 6,000 watts. That's enough to light up a night football game. We have a total of 32,000 watts of portable generating capability."

There has been concern from some consumers whether the fire trucks would start, but Mercadante had precise answers on this and many related topics. "By regulation, no apparatus can employ any devices that can interfere with the

starting of fire vehicles. Each truck has two starters, four batteries, and two separate switches, a double redundancy and failsafe system. There are a few small sensors that are not date/time sensitive. They have been checked and all is well," he went on.

Defibrillators on the vehicles have been checked by their manufacturer and there are no Y2K glitches with them. Mercadante had broken down how many runs each ambulance could make without refueling: 10-12 runs; how much the firetrucks are set-up to pump and run: four vehicles, each with the capacity to run for about five hours; if water shuts down and there was a fire, there are 3,000 feet of supply line from any water source. "We could tap into a swimming pool or even the Connecticut River."

Each truck is capable of pumping over 1,000 gallons of water per minute. "If the entire infrastructure went down due to Y2K, we could handle a lot of fires if need be. The average home fire requires from three to five minutes to knock it down and another hour or so to mop up and put out hot embers and so forth.

"Our ambulances are capable of 10-12 runs apiece before they are out of gas," Mercadante said. "An ambulance can make from 30-35 runs on a single fill-up and if we had to, we could commandeer a filling station. Standard medical supplies would last from four to 10 days, advanced life support from three to five days. That's only in the worst situations. If we were shut off from other parts of the country for a time, we could turn to hospitals for additional supplies," he added.

Considerable Time & Thought

Mercadante obviously has given the issue of Y2K considerable time and thought. He inventoried resources such as vehicles, medical supplies, including oxygen, power, and access to gasoline or water sources.

In his assessment, he has obviously considered various scenarios and has rehearsed or envisioned solutions. He views any problems that may develop due to Y2K with these words: "We will be there, as we have been for the last 50 or 60 years."

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Roast Beef Dinner On Sat., October 2nd

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on October 2nd.

Dinner consists of roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, vegetables, bread and butter, dessert, and beverage. Servings will be

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Donna Bobecky Becomes Bride Of Michael Gillen At Ceremony In Mystic, Connecticut

Overlooking the Mystic River at the Mystic Art Association in Mystic, Connecticut, was the setting for the recent evening wedding of Donna Bobecky and Michael Gillen. The dinner and reception was held in the Gallery following the wedding ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Edward and Helen Bobecky of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Daniel and Grace Gillen of Stonington, Connecticut.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Betsy Eichholz from Connecticut. Bridesmaids were Deb Aldo and Fawn DeMello, both from Connecticut.

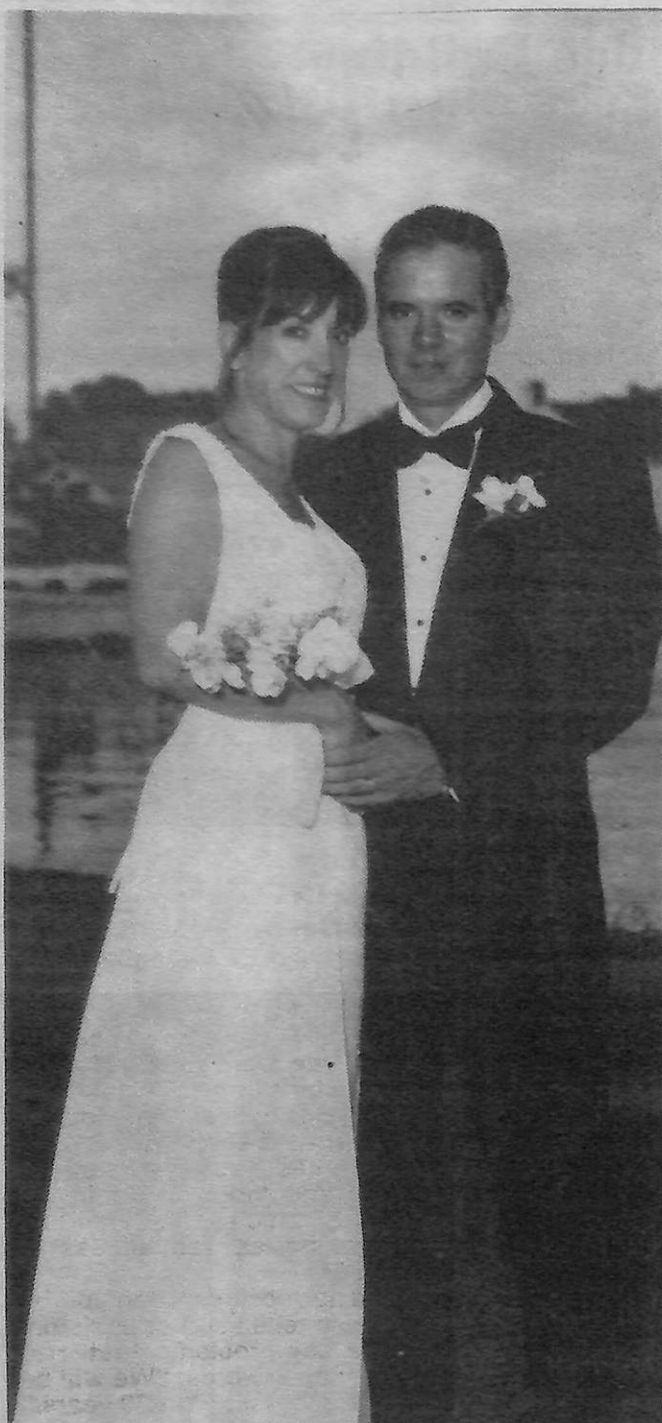
Serving the groom as best man was Peter Fischer from California. Ushers were Eric Coble from Massachusetts, and Alan Bobecky (brother of the bride), also from Massachusetts.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College, University of New Haven, and Sacred Heart University. She is employed as a Vocational Consultant for Community Enterprises in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Stonington High School and the University of Massachusetts. He is the owner of Mystic Gem Company.

The couple resides on Mason Island, Mystic, Connecticut.

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Jr. Women's Club Part Of "Community Dollars" Program

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is participating in a fundraiser being hosted by the Riverdale Shops in West Springfield. The "Community Dollars" program is where non-profit community groups can earn monies for their organization simply by collecting "Community Dollars" at stores in the shopping center.

From now until November 14th, for every dollar you spend at the stores listed below, you will receive a "Community Dollar." The group who collects the most "dollars" gets a \$1,000 check payable to their organization; second place gets a \$750 check; and third place gets a \$500 check. In addition, each group who collects between \$5,000-\$15,000 in "dollars" will receive \$100. Any group who collects \$15,000 will receive \$200.

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Calender Of October Events For Golden Age Club (Chapter 1)

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Sunday, October 3rd, to Saturday, October 9th: A special week-long trip to Myrtle Beach, CT.

Wednesday, October 13th: Our yearly Anniversary Dinner Meeting will be held at The Oaks on Suffield Street, Agawam. Social hour will be at 11:30 a.m., with dinner at 12:30 p.m. Our popular Vera Conway will entertain with her melody of music.

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At Heritage Hall West...

Walkway In Friendship Garden Is Dedicated

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Nathan Skiba, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 78 at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills, was given a framed letter of commendation in a dedication ceremony at Heritage Hall West Building last Friday, September 24th. Nathan organized a project to build a walkway to Friendship Garden at Heritage Hall West, making the garden wheelchair accessible.

Although Nathan planned the walkway, he praised the people who helped him with the project. "Over the year, there was tons of help from my family, my aunts and uncles, my father, and from the staff of Heritage Hall." Leo Chenevert, contractor, gave guidance, donated many hours, and assisted with pouring of concrete, according to Nathan.

Nathan's Boy Scout Troop helped to frame up the walkway, giving hours of their time. John's Trucking of Silver Street in Agawam donated six square yards of gravel, and Lucia Lumber, also on Silver Street, donated 30 2x4's. Forest Hills Landscaping donated landscaping. Cement was purchased from Kellogg Brothers in Southwick. Kenneth Pooler gave a contribution in the name of his mother, who had lived at Heritage Hall West.

According to Robert Skiba, Nathan's father, "This is among the final steps to attain Eagle rank. It is among the most ambitious projects taken on for such a purpose. The before-and-after pictures really tell the story."

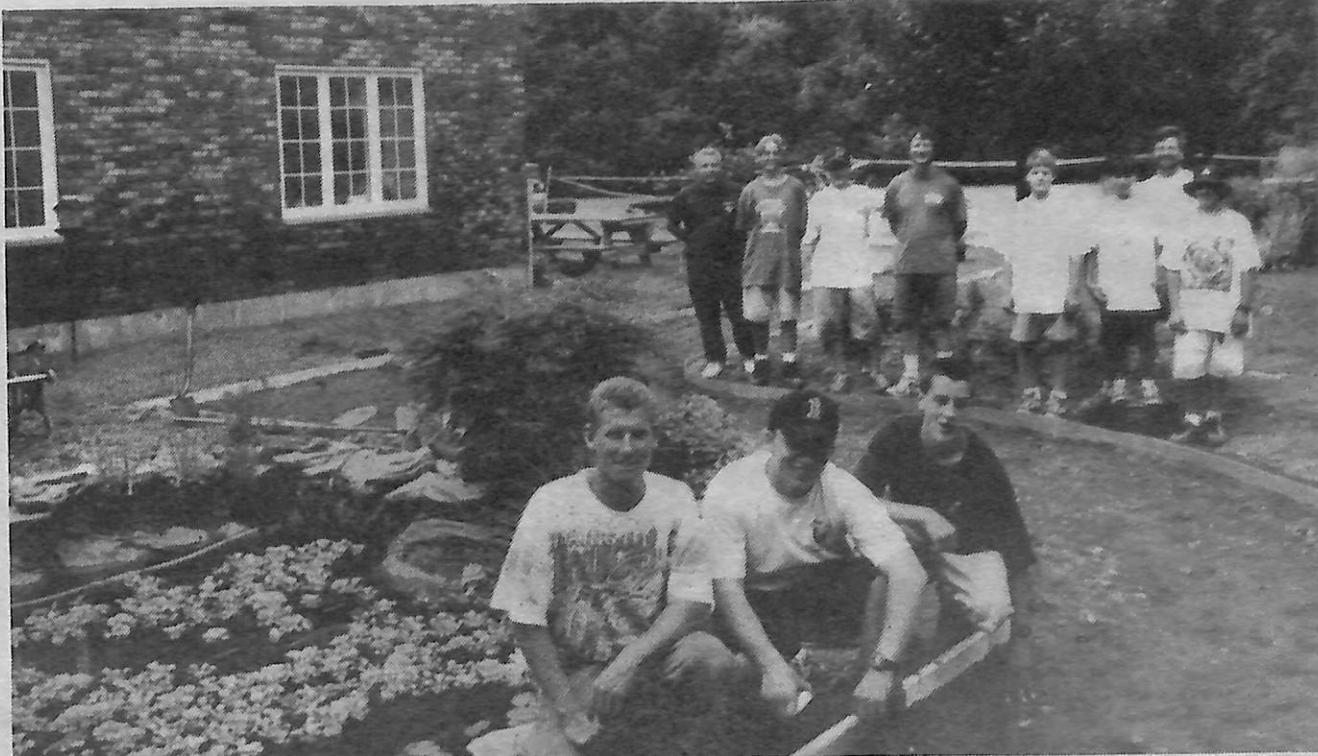
Kim George, director of Volunteer Services and Eden Alternative educator for Genesis Eldercare, said, "Friendship Garden was a team effort. At first, we worked on a pond in the courtyard and had a Garden Day. Staff and family members planted on that day."

"The second year, we wanted to make the pond larger, so we put in the waterfall and expanded the garden with more flowers and vegetables. But we needed a way that our wheelchair residents could make use of the garden and the pleasures of the outdoor," she said.

Nathan approached Kim George in August 1998. Nathan's mother, Sara, is a nurse on C Wing and had mentioned the need for wheelchair residents to share Friendship Garden. "The project was finished in August 1999. We pulled up the final frame on Labor Day," Nathan said.

"... Ties In With Eden Alternative Philosophy ..."

Ms. George summarized, "The number of people out here in the garden has quadrupled, and



IN FRONT ROW: Leo Chenevert, Nathan Skiba, and Eric Hogan. IN BACK ROW: Members of Troop 78 who helped with the Friendship Garden at Heritage Hall West.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

one of the physical therapists has been using the walkway with patients for therapy. Many of our families comment on how peaceful the garden is, and even the people who cannot leave their rooms can at least look out and see the garden. It really ties in with the Eden Alternative philosophy, too, of having more homelike atmospheres for the residents.

"I am most impressed with the complexity of the project. We talked at first about maybe adding some bird cages, but what we ended up with has been a community effort with lasting results for residents, their families, and the staff members. A few years ago, three or four people had a dream to bring nature closer to residents somehow. Friendship Garden does this for all of us."

Nathan's certificate of commendation said, "The most significant goal that you have achieved with this project is the benefit that you have provided to others. This project has been the gift of 'access' to our elders, their families and visitors that come to Heritage Hall West."

As everyone left Friendship Garden after the dedication, a wheelchair resident and his wife could be seen sitting together in the garden, gazing at the pond. Her head rested gently on his shoulder, as they spent the afternoon just glad to be together in such natural surroundings.



NATHAN SKIBA and his father, Frank, hold a "Certificate of Commendation" from Heritage Hall West. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 4th: Cheese baked potato, green beans, rye bread, baked apples.

Tuesday, October 5th: Chicken cutlet on a roll with lettuce and tomato, potato puffs, birthday cake.

Wednesday, October 6th: Roast pork with gravy and stuffing, butternut squash, whole wheat bread, ice cream.

Thursday, October 7th: Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, peaches.

Friday, October 8th: Baked fish, harvest vegetables, rice, cole slaw, rye bread, applesauce.

Community Grange No. 382 Schedules A Polish Supper

Community Grange No. 382 will hold a Polish Supper on Saturday, October 23rd from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West St.

The menu will consist of homemade stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, baked beans, vegetable, rye bread and butter, choice of dessert, coffee, tea, juice or milk.

Donation is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821.

If you missed the last one, don't miss this one! The public is invited to attend.

At National Convention...

Rose Mezzetti Honored By American Legion Auxiliary

Rose Mezzetti was recently honored as Unit member of the year from Massachusetts at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention held in Anaheim, California, September 2-7, 1999.

Mrs. Mezzetti was honored along with winners from all 50 states. The National President, Virginia Hobbs of Kentucky, presented each honoree with their award at a special luncheon held in their honor.

At the Massachusetts State Convention held in June on Cape Cod, Mrs. Mezzetti was honored by the Department of Massachusetts, American Auxiliary, as the Massachusetts Member and Woman of the Year for 1999 from over 250 Units' nominees. Mrs. Mezzetti was nominated by the West Springfield Unit 207 for her outstanding volunteer efforts at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and the VA Medical Center in Northampton.

Mrs. Mezzetti has been an active member of the local Unit for the past 40 years, having served as Unit President and is currently serving as Unit Chaplain.

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Church News

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and this week will include the Service of Holy Communion.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Possibility of Happiness: Is It Yours?" The Scripture reading will be Luke 6:20-26.

Sue Boisvert will be Lector. Ushering will be Tom and Chris Chapman. Nick Pelter and Samantha Justilian will be our acolytes.

Youth will leave at a designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

All youth worshipping with us (lions and tigers included) are invited to join in our Sunday School Classes which have a Jungle Journey theme. Each Sunday, the classes will be doing something different.

Sometimes all youth will gather together for some monkeying around activities, and other times classes will be divided by age into groups to explore the Word of God.

The schedule is as follows: October 3rd, Lessons; October 10th, Crafts; October 17th, Lessons; October 24th, Music; October 31st, Crafts; November 7th, Lessons; and November 14th, Music.

On Sunday, October 3rd, we will take a special collection for Neighbors In Need. There are many program ministries that will be supported by this collection.

Some of them are concerned with American Indian ministries; congregational renewal and community revitalization in the Appalachian region; violence in our society; becoming multiracial and multicultural churches; and advocating for women.

Please make a contribution in church on Sunday, or mail your contribution to the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Operation Friendship will host a Roast Beef Dinner here on Saturday, October 2nd, from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. These delicious events are held to raise money in support of world friendship among today's youth.

The Agawam/West Springfield CROPWALK will take place in Agawam on Sunday, October 17th. Registration begins at St. David's Church at 1:00 p.m. The walk itself will begin at 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in supporting this event, speak to the recruiter at your church or call this church at 786-5061.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated locally to the Open Pantry in West Springfield. There is also a special challenge to all CROPWALK communities this year that could net Church World Service \$20,000.

Call Rev. Donaldson at 786-5061 for details.

On the calendar:

Friday, October 1st: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Saturday, October 2nd: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., OF Roast Beef Dinner.

Sunday, October 3rd: 10:00 a.m., Communion/Neighbors In Need collection; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, October 4th: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, October 5th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, October 6th: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:00 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, October 7th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Spaghetti & Meatballs At St. David's Church

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner on Monday, October 4th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include spaghetti, meatballs and sausage, tossed salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea, juice, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door. Due to a sell-out on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:30 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

Communion To Be Celebrated At First Baptist Church

The 9:30 a.m. service of worship at First Baptist Church will feature the celebration of holy communion.

Pastor Richard Barnes' message will be "Time For A Wedding." He will use Matthew 22: 1-14 as his scriptural text.

The reading of the Church Covenant will be led by Deacon Jeanne Webster. A special choral introit will begin the service.

You are cordially invited to attend this and any service at First Baptist, which is located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets. The Church is an American Baptist Church, and is a member of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, and the American Baptist Churches, USA.

Church school classes are held following morning worship, and nursery care is always available.

Two adult classes are being offered this season: Pastor Barnes will lead the "Nuts & Bolts" class, dealing with Baptist beliefs and practices; and Marianne Tompkins and Mercy Barnes lead a study group about the bible.

A new home study group will begin on Tuesday, October 5th, at the home of Dorothy Major, 1108 Main Street. The group will convene at 1:30 p.m. and run until 3:00 p.m.

The group plans to meet regularly on the first and third Tuesday afternoons of the month.

The letters of Peter and James, found in the New Testament, will be studied. Mrs. Major will be leading the discussion, assisted by the Pastor.

Also on our calendar this week:

Monday, October 4th: 7:00 p.m., Sunshine Circle; 7:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle; 7:30 p.m., Men's Group.

Tuesday, October 5th: 10:00 a.m., Play Group (at home of Sandra Taft-Fairlie); 5:00 p.m., Caring Connection serves at Open Pantry.

Wednesday, October 6th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 7th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

St. John's Parish News And Notes

PARISH MISSION

For those who would like to plan ahead, we will be having a Parish Mission the week of October 24th, from Monday to Wednesday.

The Franciscan Fathers will be here to speak at all the Masses on October 23rd and 24th. There will be a Mission Mass at 8:30 each morning, and a Mission Service each evening at 7:00 p.m.

1999 CONFIRMATION CLASS

They will attend the Transfer Service at the 9:30 Mass this Sunday, October 3rd, with one or both parents.

They are asked to bring their Baptismal Candle (if they still have it). We will supply one otherwise.

Confirmation will be held here at St. John's on Monday night, October 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

CLASS OF 2000

The new candidates for next year will meet for the first time on October 3rd with their parents for an introduction meeting in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

On Wednesday, October 6th, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., the Swingles Square Dance Club will meet upstairs at the Knights of Columbus Hall in West Springfield.

Everyone is welcome.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Rehearsal for new altar servers will be in the church on Wednesday, October 6th and 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

All young people (fourth grade and up) are welcome to come.

YOUTH GROUP

A hay ride has been scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd, for students in grades five and up.

Mark this date on your calendars (more information will be forthcoming).

ST. JOHN'S GUILD

St. John's Guild will hold a Mystery Trip on Tuesday, October 5th.

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Church News - continued...

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam, will observe World Communion Sunday on October 3rd, and the Rev. Eric Bascom will lead worship at 10:30 a.m. around the Gospel theme of "Parable of the Wicked Tenants," found in Matthew 21:33-43.

The Children's Choir will sing "I Wake Up Each Day."

Church School (seventh- through 12th-grade) and Confirmation Classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Crib Room through sixth-grade meet during the Worship Service.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Mid-Week Worship Service has been changed to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday evenings. It is held in the Sanctuary and will be led by Eric Bascom.

An Adult Bible Study begins this week at 6:15 on Monday evening in the Friendship Room, also led by the interim pastor.

The Junior & Senior High Youth Groups will meet this Friday, October 1st, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Pizza and Game Night. Stop by and join the fun!

New members will be received into the church on November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent. For those interested, Dr. Bascom will lead a brief series of orientations called "Everything You wanted to Know about Christianity but Were Too Afraid to Ask."

People considering joining the church should contact the pastor or the church office, 786-7111, as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

The Sanctuary Choir continues to meet for rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m.

New voices are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining the choir may attend.

The choir is under the direction of the Minister of Music, Ms. Ellen Cogen.

The next rehearsal for the Children's Choir will be Sunday, October 17th, following the Worship Service. All ages are welcome.

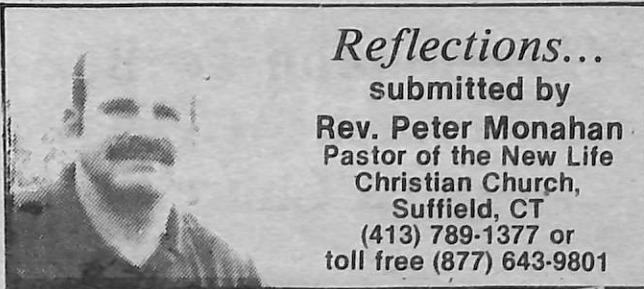
Playgroup at the church is up and running under the direction of Ms. Sue Tapply, Family Outreach Coordinator.

Want to join in on the fun and friendship? Join us on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Call the church office at 786-7111.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...



Reflections...

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God Has Rights, Too...

Among the things which concern us most, high upon the list we find our personal rights. In our system, people's rights must be respected. Government offices have posters on the wall which advise of what we have a right to expect from the agency we are visiting. Criminals' rights must be observed, or else the evidence gathered against them is not admissible in court.

In the race to protect individual rights, the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts even weighed in to resolve the question of whether or not a parent can spank a child. All sides agreed that the spanking was not excessive, just that it was happening.

With all our concern about having our rights being respected, has it ever occurred to us that God has rights which should be respected as well? It shouldn't surprise us. After all, if we have rights, surely God does, too, even more so.

We claim to have rights because we are human beings. Our Declaration of Independence calls these "inalienable rights," which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Those who own property have additional rights, which include the right of privacy.

God has rights, for far superior reasons, not only because of who He is, but also because of what He has done. He not only lives, He is the source of life itself. He not only owns the earth, He created it in the first place. In truth, all property owners are really just squatters. So is everybody else.

Jesus told a story to illustrate the fact that God has rights, too. Speaking to the religious leaders of His day, Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey."

"When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them."

"They will respect my son," he said. But when

the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" Jesus asked the religious leaders. "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

It appears that parables were one of Jesus' favorite ways to communicate. Parables are simple stories which impart important truths. The essential truth which Jesus was conveying in this parable was clear: God has rights, too.

He has a right to be respected and treated fairly. Surely, upon reflection, we can understand that. The religious leaders of Jesus' day understood about rights as well, although it is not clear they fully grasped whom the landowner represented.

It is understandable that we should want our rights respected. Most of us have a tendency to assert our rights if we perceive that they're being trampled. However, it is interesting that of the 460 times the word "right" appears in the Bible, only five times does it mean "right" in the sense we've been using it. The other 455 times the word "right" appears, it usually refers to doing right or being right. In four of the five times when "right" means entitlement, it is when the Apostle Paul was writing, specifically *not invoking* his rights.

Don't we have the right to food and drink? Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas? But we did not use this right. And again, But I have not used any of these rights.

Paul was pointing out to the Corinthian Church that he, like anybody else, had certain rights. But he chose not to exercise them, entrusting himself to God instead. In his heart, Paul was more concerned about God's rights to Paul, rather than Paul's rights from God. He wrote to another church:

Forgetting what lies behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Because Paul respected God's rights, Paul was able to understand life and its real values more clearly. He understood that life on earth is but a sojourn; he knew the direction his life was taking was heavenward.

The other instance in the Bible where the word "right" means entitlement is found in the Book of Revelation, referring to the followers of Jesus. **Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life. That is the right we should all strive to invoke for ourselves.**

Catholic Women To Host Living Rosary

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a Living Rosary on Monday, October 11th, at 7:30 p.m.

Betsy Ciempa, chairperson of the evening's program, will begin the service by announcing the five mysteries of the Rosary, and offering intentions for deceased members. Club officers will begin the opening prayers.

Past Presidents Kay Capitano, Gloria Colby, Lillian Doyle, Bea Hamel, and Paula Raiche will then proceed to lead 10 club members through one decade of the Rosary. The church will light up as each mem-

ber recites one prayer, forming a "Living Rosary."

Members who will be participating in the recitation of the Rosary are requested to bring a flashlight and meet in the Parish Center by 7:00 p.m.

After the service, members will return to the Parish Center for the October business meeting, and refreshments will be provided by hospitality chairperson Stella Longhi and her committee.



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Seminar For Christian Writers' Fellowship

Can an interdenominational, interracial group of Christian writers meet for over 14 years and still sense a spirit of love, unity, and excitement about nurturing novice writers into published authors?

The Western Mass. Christian Writers' Fellowship (which includes an age group that extends from a sixth-grade student to an 85 year-old published author) does just that! Members have been published in *Guideposts*, *The Catholic Digest*, *Reader's Digest*, *Good Housekeeping*, denominational and inspirational magazines, church-school publications, over 25 newspapers, and other business and educational media.

"We have 60 subscribers to our 'Scribes & Scribblers' monthly newsletter," reports Barbara Robidoux, a resident of Chicopee, secretary to the group, and current book manuscript editor. "It is both educational and inspirational, and connects members to each other in spite of distances."

Co-founder Joan Coombs states, "At our meetings and seminars, we've offered free magazines from publishers, along with writers' guidelines and theme lists. And we've also helped start another writers' group in Eastern Mass. by sending them home with enough resource materials to begin their meetings. We hope some of our Connecticut writers will be able to form a group, too."

Freelance writer Elisabeth Buddington of East Longmeadow is treasurer and assists in the leadership of meetings. "There is a great amount of support and no competition," she said. "We rejoice together when members submit manu-

scripts, give encouragement when rejection slips come, and celebrate works getting published!"

Six members have had books accepted for publication, eight have authored self-published books, two illustrators are assisting authors, and several musicians have had their works published and recorded (one is receiving royalties).

For 13 years, the Church of the Nazarene, 981 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, has hosted the meetings held on the first Monday of each month, as well as the Fellowship's bi-annual seminars.

On Saturday, October 9th, a seminar with Susan Titus Osborn, author of 18 books and contributing editor for *The Christian Communicator* and *The Galilean* magazines, will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. The public is welcome.

Osborn is a publishers' representative as well as owner/director of the TCC Manuscript Critique Service. She will give "A Day of Writers' Workshops" geared to the novice and the professional.

The all-day event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. Workshop topics include "Writing with Fiction Techniques," "Writing for Children," "21 Pitfalls," "Sell What You Write," and "Understanding Book Contracts."

The registration fee is \$30 and includes all workshops and lunch. Walk-ins are welcome at \$35 each. Some scholarships are available.

For further information, call Elisabeth Buddington at 525-7803, Joan Coombs at 525-4993, or Barbara Robidoux at 592-4386.



SUSAN TITUS OSBORN, who'll present a seminar for the Western Mass. Christian Writers' Fellowship on Saturday, October 9th.



ASHLEY J. KRZYKOWSKI

Ashley J. Krzykowski Is Baptized At Sacred Heart Church

Ashley J. Krzykowski was recently baptized at Sacred Heart Church. She is daughter of proud parents Linda and Anthony Krzykowski of Feeding Hills.

Ashley's godparents are Lisa Schuler and David Rau. She is the grandchild of Shirley and William Rau of Ludlow, and the late Judith and Anthony Krzykowski of Feeding Hills.

She is the great-granddaughter of Joseph Vumbaco of Feeding Hills.

Seminar Held Each Tuesday At Faith Bible Church

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

Presented by Pastor James R. Jasmin, this series of Tuesday evening teachings will present current prophetic truths based on Scripture.

Discussions will include eschatology, significant current events that point to us on a Biblical timeline, and what the new millennium is going to bring according to Scripture.

"Church News" is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News...

Calendar Of Events From Faith Bible Church On Shoemaker Lane

Faith Bible Church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. The phone number is 786-1681, and the mailing address is P.O. Box 836, Agawam, MA 01001.

First service, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.; second service, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Tuesday: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., End Times Class.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., Prayer Requests and Prayer; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Service.

Thursday: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Young Ladies' Bible Study at the Michalak's house (127 James Street, Feeding Hills).

Friday: 3:00 p.m., Staff Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Youth Group.

Saturday: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Open Prayer; 8:30

a.m., Men's Bible Study; 12:00 noon, Outreach (meet at the church).

FROM THE PASTOR

As we move along the path God has set for us, we seem to be running out of space. Our needs for the children are great; our Sunday school and nursery are at capacity. We need to do something as a church to meet these needs.

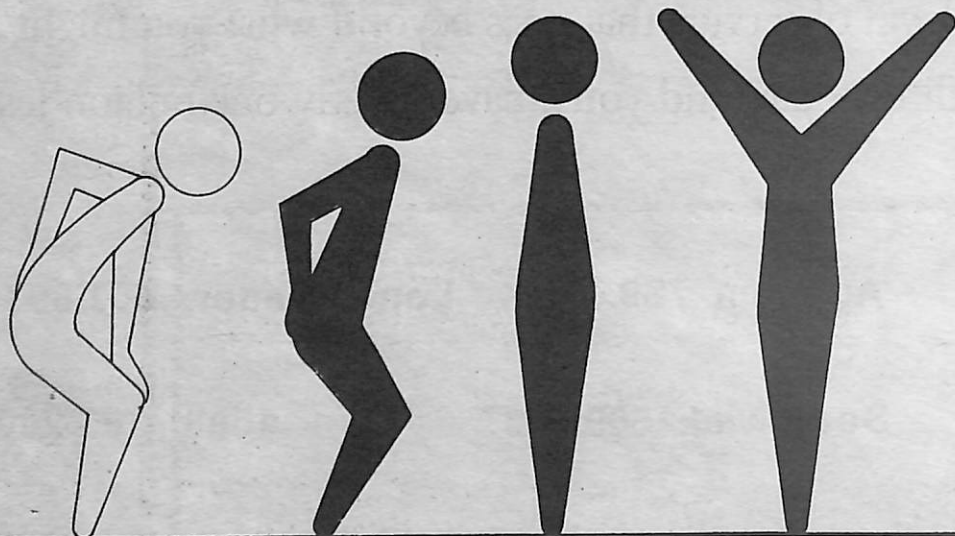
One proposal is to build an addition; others have said maybe move. Whatever we do, we want it to be of the Lord and with a vote by all members of our church, so that we move in unison.

The one thing we cannot escape is that we need space if we are to continue to grow. Please keep this in prayer daily.

"In His Name" - Pastor Jim.

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7. Some debt is good.

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8. Some debt is bad.

Don't borrow for things that you consume quickly, such as clothes, meals, and vacations. There's no quicker way to fall into debt hell. Instead, put aside some cash each month for these items so you can pay the bill in full.

9. Expect the unexpected.

Build a cash cushion that you can get at quickly in case of an emergency. If you don't have such a cushion, a broken furnace or other calamity will wreck your budget and push you into a seat on the ship of credit card slaves.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose11@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT-Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

Dave Ratner To Speak At Pet Industry Christmas Trade Show

Dave Ratner, President of Dave's Soda & Pet City, has been invited to speak about "How to Get and Keep Customers Without Spending a Fortune" during the 33rd Annual Pet Industry Christmas Trade Show & Educational Conference in Chicago from October 1st through October 3rd.

More than 250 retailers are expected at the three-day conference.

From 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 1st, and again from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2nd, Ratner will discuss ways on how to build a customer base, how to form a relationship with your customers, and how to keep them coming back. The show is being held at the Rosemont Convention Center.

"Dave Ratner is one of the most informative speakers I have ever heard," Earl H. Mayer, Vice President of Mayer Bros., has said of Ratner's speaking abilities.

For more information on this weekend's trade show, or for details on how Ratner can motivate you, contact the headquarters of Dave's Soda & Pet City, 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-2259.

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Sasha ZeBryk of Agawam, president of MDZ Seminars and Training, energizes her audiences with content-rich examples and personal stories. As a speaker, trainer, and keynote, her communication seminars include "Turning Your Customers Into Advertisers," "Resolving Conflict Positively," and "Communication Power."

ZeBryk is the author of the *Working The Room Like A Pro* audiocassette series. Businesses and organizations alike have also benefited from her spirited "Joy Of Life" seminars.

ZeBryk's "SpeakEasy" program will be presented on October 21st to the Women Business Owner's Alliance. The breakfast meeting starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center in West Springfield.

The public is invited, and the cost is \$12. For reservations, call WBOA at (413) 827-4182.

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Universal Studios Offers Halloween Horror Nights

Starting October 1, 1999 and continuing October 2nd, 8th, 9th, 14th-17th, and 21st-31st, Universal Studios Florida will run "The Last Gasp." Prices range from \$65 per person for one night and up to \$165 per person for the "Two-Night Frightful Escape." Anyone who is planning a trip to the Orlando area during this time may want to check out the festivities.

Up until this month, anyone who ever wanted to visit Universal Studios Florida had to stay outside the park. Well, all that has changed with the debut of Portofino Bay, a Loew's hotel, Universal's first on-site hotel. Portofino Bay is themed after the Italian seaside village of Portofino and features 750 deluxe rooms. This new property is just the start of a mega-resort complex that will feature a total of five hotels, along with the two theme parks; Universal Studios Florida and the new Universal Studios Islands of Adventure and the City Walk entertainment complex.

Fall and early winter are a great time to visit the Orlando area. Fewer crowds and nice weather will truly add to your enjoyment. For more info on booking your Universal Studios Escape, call our office.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular, November 28, 1999. Space is going fast. \$89 per person. Call now.

Travel School starts October 4th. Register now to start your exciting career in travel today. Call 413-732-1313.

New Vice-Presidents Named At Bradway's Limousine Service

Bradway's Limousine Service, Inc. of Agawam wishes to announce the promotion of Gloria Hastings to Executive Vice-President of the company.

In addition, the company has announced that Richard Luce of Holyoke has been named to the position of Vice-President of Finance.

Spotlight On Business - continued...

Legal Memo

by
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PREMISES LIABILITY

Homeowner - Wood Statue - Child Crushed

During the summer, the minor decedent and a friend entered the defendant's property to play. The area was adorned with picnic tables, a red caboose, a wishing well, and a huge Santa Claus statue.

The statue was at least 10 years-old, stood approximately nine feet high, and weighed nearly 1,000 pounds. As the minor decedent and her friend rocked the statue back and forth, it toppled over.

The decedent was unable to get away, and was crushed to death beneath it. The plaintiff parents were immediately upon the scene and were with the child when she died.

The plaintiffs' expert testified the statue was in disrepair, had not received preventive maintenance, and the base was badly rotted. The defendant had argued that the attractive nuisance statute did not apply since the minor decedent should have appreciated the risk associated with tipping over the statue. The defendant also asserted comparative negligence greater than any negligence of its own.

The plaintiffs countered by showing the 11 year-old child could not have known how unstable the statue was, could not have known of the decay and rot, and in any event, should be held to the standard of care of the typical 11 year-old.

The plaintiffs were awarded \$750,000.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

Timely Tips On
How To Manage
Your Finances

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Tips For Meeting Your Financial
Goals On One Income (Part II)
(Continued From Last Week)

Pay yourself first. The natural tendency is to make sure your monthly living expenses are met and then save whatever remains. That approach is almost a sure-fire way to fail to adequately save.

The recommended strategy is to determine your savings goals and make them your first

priority. Consider doing so through a payroll deduction savings plan or contributions to a 401(k).

Look for creative financial solutions. Most people who leave the workplace miss the daily creative challenges. Perhaps your new situation can provide an opportunity to rechannel your creative energy into some budget-stretching ideas.

For example, consider organizing a neighborhood or church clothing swap to help your own family and others find affordable children's clothing. Talk with friends and family members about services that match your talents. Perhaps a neighbor who enjoys hanging wallpaper would be happy to trade services if you have a talent for fixing appliances.

The list of ideas is endless — and your own creativity can be your guide.

Even if you have to work a little harder to stretch a dollar in your single-income world, don't forget to weigh its financial advantages. By setting your priorities and using discipline, you may find that the rewards outweigh the sacrifices you will make — both personally and financially.

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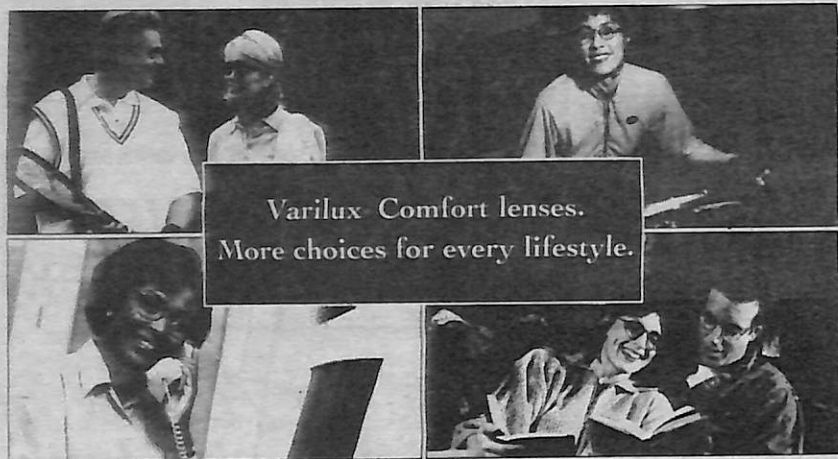
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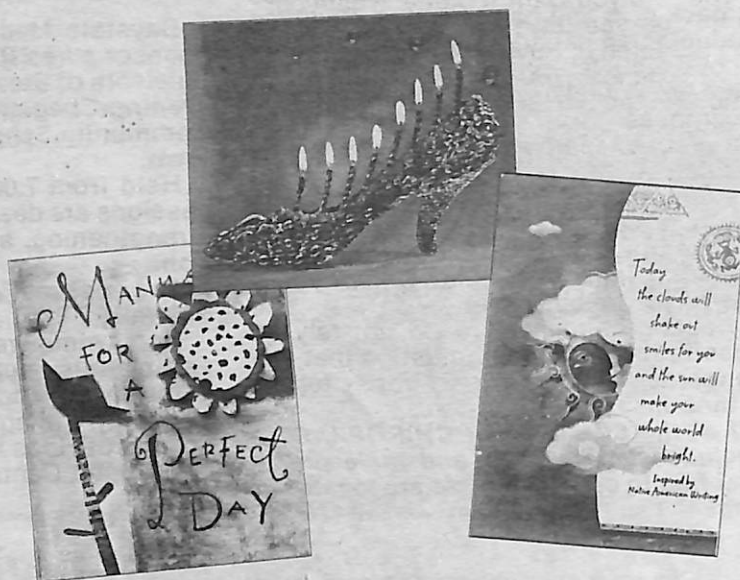


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For Your Health



Your Back And — Your Health

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What Is Back Pain???

Back problems can be caused by an extraordinarily wide range of problems — some of them originating elsewhere in the body, but with pain being transmitted (referred) to areas of the back by the nervous system. Back pain is one of the most common reasons people seek medical attention.

It is the symptom that prompts most patients who get chiropractic care. The majority of backache sufferers complain of pain in the lower back; the second most common site of discomfort is the base of the neck.

Who suffers from back pain?

Virtually all human beings are subject to back problems. The fact that humans walk upright, on two legs, puts great pressure on the spine and muscles that support it. Over time, back pain is all but inevitable. Normal wear and tear, accidents, disease, and such bad "back habits" as unnecessary lifting from overexertion at play or work (especially lifting, pushing, pulling, and reaching for things improperly), and poor standing and sitting posture, result in both immediate and long-term back problems.

What can chiropractic do?

Chiropractors successfully treat subluxation (a complex of functional and/or structural changes in joints, which can interfere with nerve transmission, disturb other organ systems, and undermine general health). Spinal subluxations may have symptoms localized in some part of the back or may radiate down to the buttocks, thighs, and legs. Chiropractors also treat tension that can show up as backaches and/or headaches or pains elsewhere in the body.

Doctors of chiropractic draw upon a wealth of knowledge and experience with treating and preventing back pain and back injuries. Soothing and pain-reducing spinal adjustments have been developed over the last century, during which chiropractors have practiced, improved, and refined their techniques.

The chiropractic approach is similar to the clinical practice guidelines of the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. That is, doctors of chiropractic not only treat the pain, they try to keep patients engaging in their normal activities rather than resting immobile in bed, which can actually cause further debilitation.

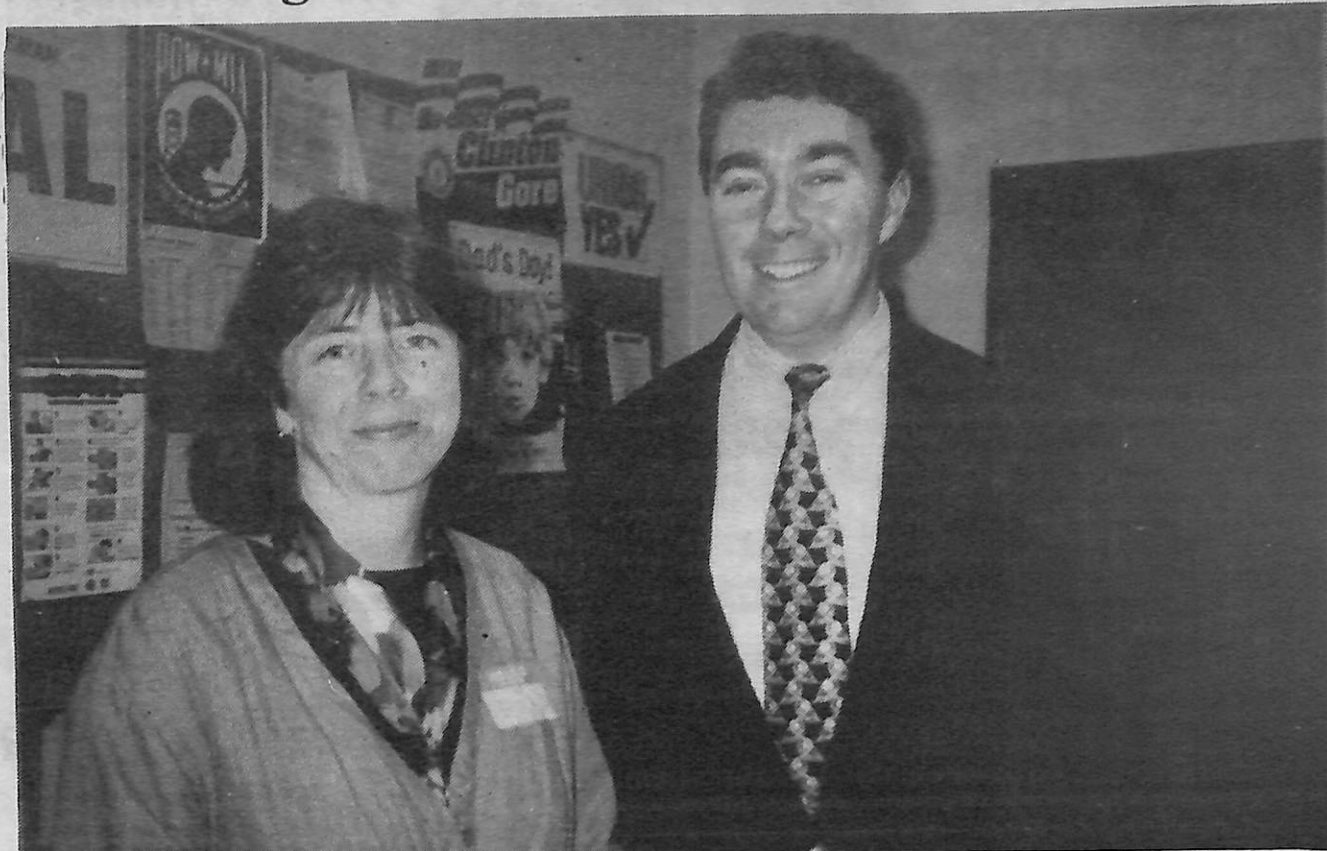
And, of course, chiropractors do not rely on surgery, hospitalization, and medication that can be both dangerous and needlessly costly for patients and their insurance providers.

The staff at the SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE includes both female and male practitioners. Feel free to contact us. We are located at 192 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam — 789-1369 or 789-1073.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event...

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Discussing Medical Care For Injured Workers



ON SEPTEMBER 24TH, Susan McMaria of Western Mass. COSH (Coalition of Occupational Safety and Health) and State Representative Dan Keenan attended a round-table discussion on medical access for injured workers. This discussion took place at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on Industry Avenue in Springfield. Keenan and other state representatives encourage calls from injured workers who are being denied access to medical care. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Free From Baystate's Rays Of Hope...

10-Week Pool Exercise Program For Survivors Of Breast Cancer

Baystate Medical Center's Rays of Hope will sponsor a free 10-week Pool Exercise Program for Survivors of Breast Cancer, to be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning October 5th, at Chestnut Hill Community School at 55 State Street in Belcher-town.

Held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., the pool exercise sessions are designed to help women with toning, strengthening, and improving their range of motion.

The classes will be conducted by Susan P. Saletnik, PT.

Non-swimmers are welcome to attend, and all participants must obtain a doctor's clearance before beginning the class. Pre-registration is required by calling Saletnik at 477-8320.

Rays of Hope is affiliated with the Comprehensive Breast Center at Baystate Medical Center.

Flu Vaccination Clinics Sponsored By Town Of Agawam

The Town of Agawam will sponsor the following flu vaccinations clinics:

Thursday, October 14th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center; Friday, October 15th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Danahy Schoolhouse; and Monday, October 18th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.

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For Your Health - continued...

Fitness Tips...

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

Volume Up!!!

I have been told my last couple articles needed a boost. I've been asked to turn up the volume a little! Raise some eyebrows, you say? Okay, listen up.

If you are going to join a gym, you gotta go work out! Don't give me those excuses. Get in here and

get to work! Speaking of work, you gotta sweat. If you are chit-chatting and flipping through magazines, you aren't going to see results. Get uncomfortable, people. On the flip side, don't jump in blindly. If your body is used to a little too much R&R, start slowly. If not, you'll be gone in a couple weeks with an injury. Work out, and work out smart.

Next, take charge of your workout. Don't blame the instructor if you aren't working hard enough. Take a little responsibility here. If you feel the class is not intense, **WORK HARDER!!!** If you are good enough to take an advanced class, then you should be good enough to know how to work harder.

(Hey, this feels kind of good.) To those of you who have given positive feedback regarding our extremely knowledgeable and top-rate instructors at Fitness First, thank you. We try to make all classes appropriate for all levels by suggesting

optional moves for beginners to advanced.

Next, pay attention. When you lift weights, did you know your form is more important than the amount of weight you are lifting? You can do an exercise with no weight and perfect form and see results. You can do the same exercise with lots of weight, no control, and all speed, and see no results. **FOCUS.** Resistance training needs focused concentration. Slow down and get it under control if you want results.

Well, I guess this belongs here, too. You don't need to fix your make-up between classes, do your hair or refresh your perfume. Our focus here is making the body strong, beautiful, and healthy from the inside out. It doesn't work from the outside in.

Now, how was that volume? I couldn't call it "floor play" as you suggested, Paul, but I think this is loud enough.

All the hometown news with us ... AAN!!!

Support Groups, Courses, & Programs At Noble Hospital

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, October 13th and 27th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, October 26th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Jane Martone, D.D.S., will speak about "Dental Care and Diabetes."

For more information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5178.

Better Breathers: Wednesday, October 13th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

"Pulmonary Potpourri" — please call ahead and tell us the topics you would like to discuss.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties and their support persons.

Please call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5986, with topics.

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group: Tuesday, October 19th, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

For additional information about the Crohn's and Colitis Support Group, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Caregivers' Support Group: October 13th and 27th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

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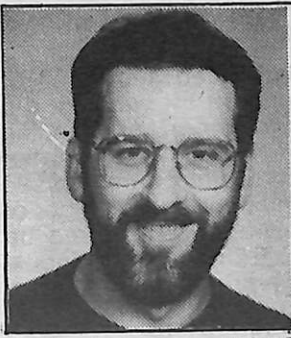
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Tell Me A Story...

"Daddy, tell me a story about when you were a little boy!" my 4½ year-old daughter half-questioned and half-declared. I struggled to obey her wish, terrified of what I might remember and certain I couldn't remember anything earlier than when I was 12.

Hannah had no idea what she had just stumbled into. I didn't even know, but I knew three things. One, how truly frightening this felt for me. Two, we knew our relationship would never be the same. And three, I would never be the same.

It's been over two years since her question. I don't know how I do it, but nearly every night I am home, I have told her a different story from my childhood. Sometimes I struggle to retrieve a story. I find it real helpful when she gives me a topic of interest to her, like: "Tell me about a time you went ice skating." As if a magic button were pushed, three stories come to mind.

Of course, I can't repeat a story unless she invites a favorite. And I better make sure, or she'll make sure for me, that no part of a story changes from one telling to the next. She seems to have them all neatly filed away.

What makes it so possible for her to remember every detail and for me to struggle recalling a context so familiar in its day? I guess I must have filed them away, too, because (to my surprise) I am remembering!

Many times I bump into real painful memories and wished I had erased the files or thrown them away. Perhaps I am not alone in feeling this way? Maybe you, too, with you didn't or couldn't remember an experience. Often, the trauma persists in the memory not fading or going away as we might like.

There are so many trigger points: smells, photographs, certain lyrics or melodies, chance meetings with someone from your past and many more. How do you care for yourself during these important times?

What if your little boy or girl inside you were to say, "Tell the story! I need you to tell the real story!" Can you give into the risk this presents to yourself and your family, especially if your version goes counter to the family version?

Getting at and honoring your truest, most authentic story can be very frightening, even subversive, yet often freeing. Perhaps the value of caring for our memories is closely tied to how well we care for our self. Memories, care of self and care of our relationships ... more on this to come.

In the meantime, what are some of your stories? If shared with me, I will keep your name anonymous, so please use my NEW e-mail address: AOL screen name: dpmft449 or continue to write or call me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

For all the local church, social, educational, and municipal news, be sure to turn to the ADVERTISER NEWS each and every week; you will be glad you did...

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On the second and last Wednesday of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at (413) 562-7049.

Bereavement Group: October 6th, 13th, and 20th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

COURSES/PROGRAMS/CLINICS

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, October 7th and 21st, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Open House For Noble Hospital's Women's Health Center: Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tours of the new Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital and light refreshments.

Flu Shot Clinic: Monday, October 4th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. At Super Food Mart, 475 East Main Street, Westfield.

This flu shot clinic will be conducted by the Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services.

To obtain the flu shot at no cost, individuals must present their Medicare card. Without a Medicare card, the cost is \$8 per shot.

For more information, please call Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

Tai Chi Classes With Master Instructor Baiqing Li: Series of 10 classes (beginner level). Beginning October 5th and continuing October 12th, 26th, November 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Conference

Room A at Noble Hospital.

Advance registration and payment required. Cost is \$90 for 10 classes. Class size is limited to the first 15 registrants.

To register, complete a registration form and make check payable to Noble Hospital, P.O. Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634, Attn: Community Benefits.

For additional information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Breast Health and Good Breast Care: Lecture by Diane Lockhart, M.D. Wednesday, October 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

This lecture is free of charge. However, seating is limited and advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, October 19th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Women's Health Fair: Sponsored by the Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital. Wednesday, October 20th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Noble Hospital.

Visit the new Women's Health Center, see diagnostic equipment and exhibits, and receive health-related information. There will also be drawings and prizes; books for sale on women's health; and a free lunch with a lecture by Fielding Johnson III, M.D., "The New Epidemic: Women and Lung Cancer."

Pre-registration for lunch is required. Servings will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

For additional information or to pre-register for the lunch and lecture, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, October 20th and 27th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

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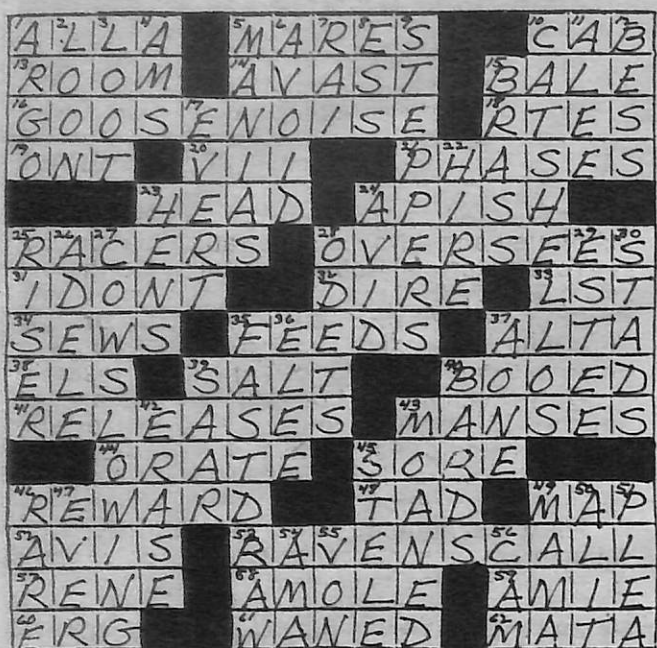
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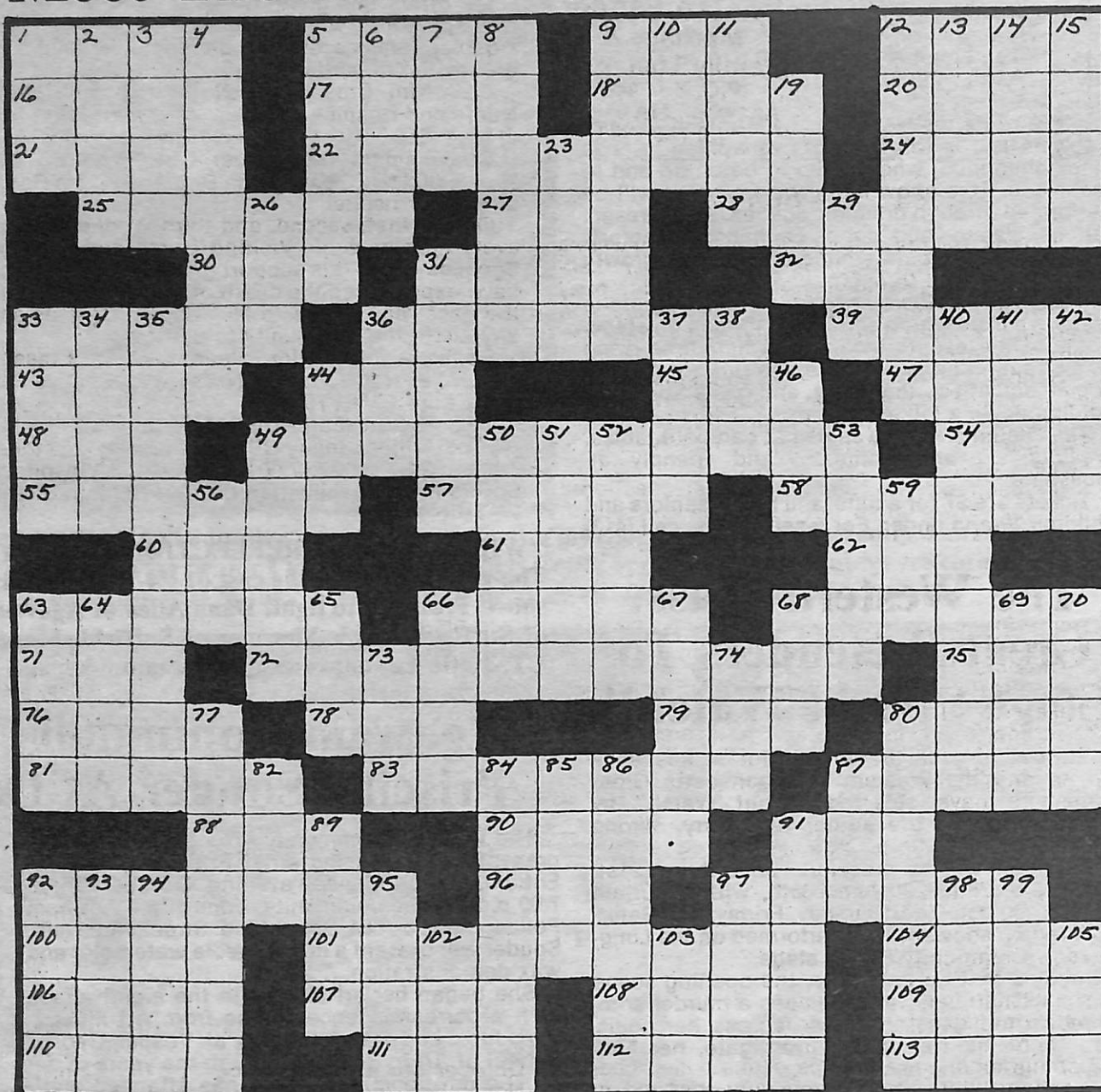
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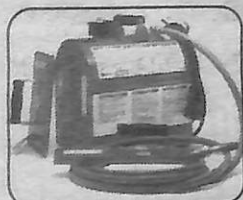
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Hilltop Players Getting Ready To Present A Premiere Musical

The Hilltop Players Family Theatre will present "4-Ever Friends" on October 8th and 9th at 7:30 p.m., and on October 10th at 2:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"4-Ever Friends" is written by Marilene Allen of Agawam and is the story of five women (friends since childhood) who reunite to catch up and to reminisce. This show is unique in that it will be performed through dramatic scenes, slide presentations, dance, and song. Each of the actors, singers, and dancers highlight stages of growth all friendships go through.

Audience members are sure to recall events in their own lives which correlate to those on stage. Some of the events include the first time living away from home, a first love, the birth of a child, social activities, the trials and tribulations of holding down a job, etc.

The audience will be seated at candlelit tables, creating a warm, intimate, and friendly atmosphere.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under. For reservations, call (413) 789-2026.

The Western Mass. Great Pretenders To Stage "Night Watch"

October is just the month for a suspense thriller, and the Western Massachusetts Great Pretenders have selected "Night Watch" by Lucille Fletcher, the author of "Sorry, Wrong Number."

The show will be presented on October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th, and 30th, with a curtain time of 7:30 p.m. The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening shows will be performed on the Longmeadow Community House stage.

Directed by Bob Laviolette, the opening scene is of a woman believing she sees a murder committed in the deserted house across her courtyard. Although the police investigate, her husband believes she has imagined it.

The play, filled with a number of "red herrings" and a surprise ending, has Eric Johnson, Laura Lezon, and Roxanne Labato in the leading roles. Rounding out the cast are Jean Gourley, Bob Lawson, Cil Millette, and Jerry Millette as some very interesting characters.

Tickets may be purchased during daytime hours at the Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Department, or by calling 739-2111. Prices are \$12 (general admission), \$10 (students and seniors), and special pricing for groups of 15 or more.



"WHEN WILL MY REFLECTION SHOW WHO I AM INSIDE?" is the musical question. The younger half of the cast of "4-Ever Friends" rehearses one of the dance routines for the show. From left to right: Dana Allen of Agawam, Sarah Dorans of Agawam, Jamie Pearsons of Suffield, Nicole Messmer of Suffield, Morgan Allen of Agawam, Alex Kane of Granby, CT, Katie Lewantowicz of Southampton, and Jenn Horne of Westfield.

Agawam Community Artists To Present Priscilla Souder At October 4th Meeting

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present award-winning artist Priscilla Souder of Enfield, CT, on Monday evening, October 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. Souder will present a mixed media watercolor and wax demonstration.

She began her art studies in the eighth grade with a correspondence course from Art Illustration, Inc., and later studying at Vesper George School of Art in Boston. Through the years of her artistic development, Souder has attended many workshops, college classes, and studied with many well-known artists throughout the country.

In addition to the many workshops and classes, Souder continues to study artists both past and present through her travels to museums and galleries in Paris, Rome, Florence, Athens, and Israel.

For over six years, Souder taught water-media classes at the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum in Springfield, MA, and continues to give workshops and demonstrations throughout New

England and Florida.

Her paintings have received numerous awards and have been shown in many national exhibitions, invitationals, and one-woman shows. Currently, Souder's paintings may be seen at WWW.PAINTINGSDIRECT.COM (this is an exciting Internet gallery) and The Town Gallery, LTC., Longmeadow, MA.

Please take this opportunity to join us as we look forward to a great fall season. Upcoming events will include our annual Art Show on October 8th and 9th at the Agawam Library, and well-known Connecticut artist Frank Federico in November.

Under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists are free and open to the public.

For additional information regarding the Agawam Community Artists or any of the artists that have been featured in our schedule of monthly programs, please contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689.

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From The Agawam Memory Lane Chorus...

Looking At America And Its Music During The World War I Era

The Agawam Memory Lane Chorus and Melody Band from the Senior Center have resumed their regular rehearsals in preparation for an upcoming concert on November 10th at the Agawam Middle School.

The program will be free and open to the public with donations being received for the Agawam Veterans' Honor Roll.

This year's production, "The Songs of World War I," will include many of the popular songs of the 1914-1918 era along with a number of lesser-known ones that reflected the many phases of the war and its effect on both the soldiers and the folks they left behind.

The concert will include some narration of the war history being brought out in the songs along with many of the "verses" of songs that are not often heard, even though the song itself was very well known.

Short previews of some of the concert material will be presented in programs for the Agawam Senior Center and the Suffield Senior Center during October. A repeat performance of the concert is also scheduled, which is sponsored by the Southwick Historical Society on Sunday afternoon, November 21st and will take place at Southwick High School.

Regular chorus rehearsals are held at the Agawam Center on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 and new members are always welcome to the group.

Excerpts From "Our Century In Music" - The Great War

The war of the nations, also called the Great War and World War I, was a struggled engaged in by more than 20 countries and unmatched, up to that time, for its titanic character. In the sums of money expended, in the number of men engaged, in the lists of the dead and wounded, the total of the wars of a thousand years summed up in all their horrors did not equal the cost, destruction, and misery of the conflict which broke out on July 28, 1914.

It developed into the greatest of all human efforts. Never had there been such a huge volume of energy directed against any given nation or group of nations. Never before was there such an intricate plot, such a universal play of passions as the countries witnessed.

In the very beginning, the people in the U.S. took no side in the conflict — there were those who were pro-German and those who were anti-German. But most Americans didn't really feel involved with "that mess in England."

Then the Germans, in an effort to hit France at its weakest point, asked King Albert of Belgium for the right to pass through his kingdom, which had been their shortest route to France and, eventually, to Paris. "Belgium is a nation, not a road," King Albert said as he rejected the German demand.

Germany invaded Belgium.

England declared war on Germany.

American sympathy swung toward England. Not because we have the common bond of language, but mainly because in the invasion of Belgium, the Americans saw Germany as a bully attacking a harmless little guy.

But even though the feeling of the people was with the Allies, America still did not consider herself involved. Going to war was the farthest thing from the American mind.

Even the songs of our tunesmiths reflected the national mood. On the stage, Nora Bayes, empress of vaudeville, sang "I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be A Soldier" and "Don't Take My Boy Away," and the audiences cheered approval.

During Woodrow Wilson's second presidential campaign, the Democratic theme song was "Elect Wilson, He Kept Us Out Of War."

Then in 1915, a German U-boat sank the *Lusitania*, and 1,128 passengers drowned while the German submarine crew looked on.

Twenty-four hours after this tragedy that took American lives, Wilson spoke and said, "There is such a thing as a nation being too proud to fight." But the public was starting to think differently, and its mood was reflected in the headline following Wilson's speech: "What A Pity Theodore Roosevelt Is Not President."

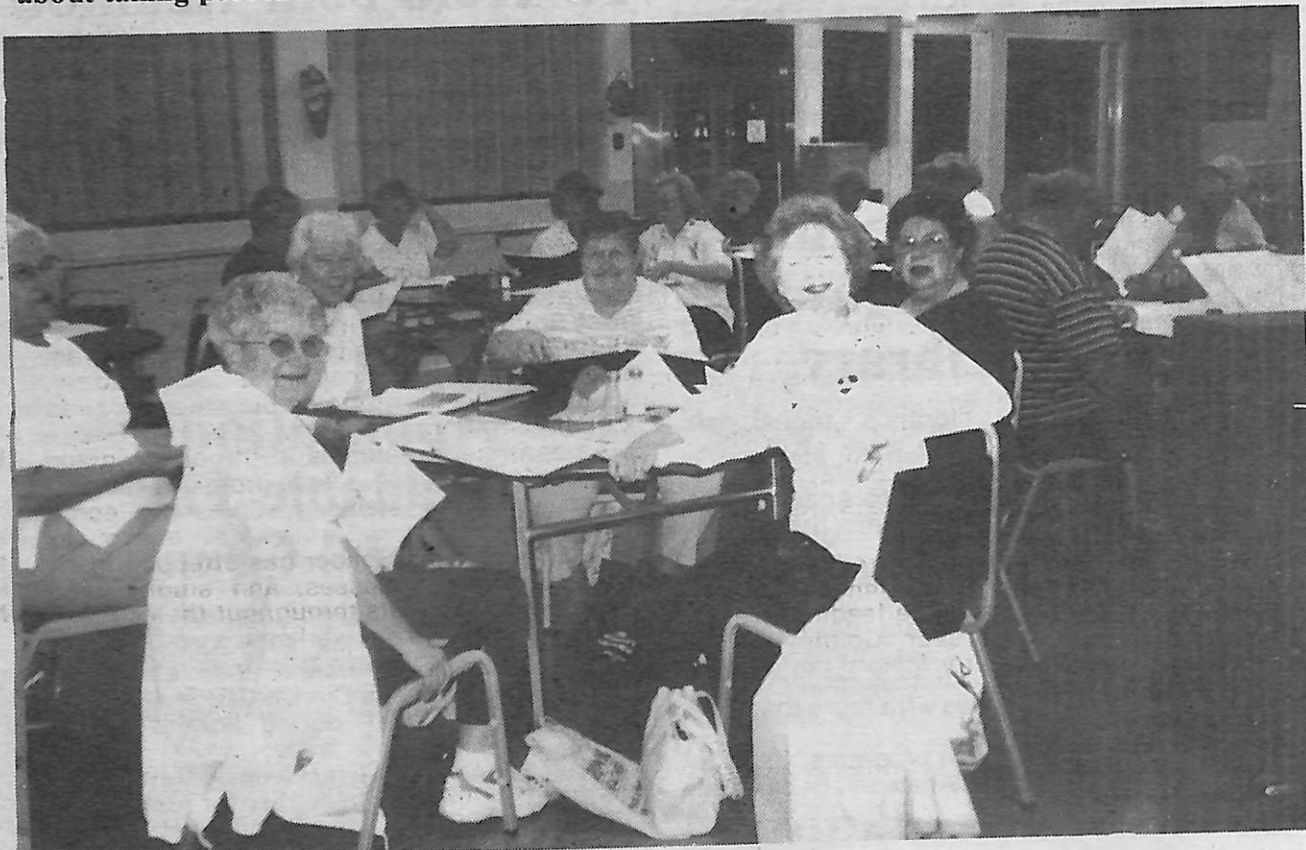
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DARCY DAVIS (center - standing) conducts a practice session of the Memory Lane Chorus at the Agawam Senior Center. Pianist Robert Coelln and the chorus members are enthusiastic about taking part in the November 10th production. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Wilma Gillan, Genevieve Theroux, Rose Haynes, Lorraine LeDuc, Inez Daniels, and Lee Dion are practicing their rendition of World War I songs at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THIS IS THE COVER of the sheet music of "The Battle Song Of Liberty," one of the songs that was written during the World War I era.



PIANIST ROBERT COELLN at practice with the Memory Lane Chorus at the Agawam Senior Center. The "practice" is for the November 10th concert of WWI songs. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

The Red Door Theatre Is One Of The Best-Kept Secrets Around

There is a little gem of a theatre in the beautiful setting of Feeding Hills, MA, that (in spite of its 10 years in operation) may be one of the best-kept secrets around. THE RED DOOR THEATRE sits on the grounds of the Valley Community Church, high atop a hill with a splendid, panoramic view of the Pioneer Valley.

THE RED DOOR THEATRE was the brainchild of a former pastor of the church, Dr. Robert Murray, who envisioned the large, two-story building next to the church as a performing arts center. Since 1991, the maintenance and operation of the building has been run by Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora, who are perhaps best known for their work as KIT AND KABOODLE, children's music and magic entertainers. The two partners have been working together in children's theatre since leaving their careers as elementary school teachers 12 years ago.

THE RED DOOR THEATRE is home to STAGE, which consists of Creative Dramatics workshops for ages four through seven; Drama Camps for ages eight through 15; the Teen Theatre Ensemble for ages 16 through 21; and THE HILLTOP PLAYERS Family Theatre.

One would be hard-pressed to find another small theatre in the area that keeps so busy and offers as much in the way of theatrical entertainment. Whether it's children's or teen theatre, family or adult community theatre, you'll find it well worth the trip to 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, to see a show at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, (413) 789-2026.

Preschool Storytimes Schedule At Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library's annual fall preschool programs begin the week of October 18th, with registration beginning Friday, October 1st. Programs are free and open to Agawam and Feeding Hills families on a first-come, first-served basis.

Monday morning playgroups are reserved for toddlers aged 18 to 24 months (no older siblings, please). Tuesday storytimes are designed for younger preschoolers aged 2½ to three years of age, and Wednesday and Thursday morning sessions are planned for families with more than one preschooler.

To sign up for one of these programs, visit the library at 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, or call 789-1550.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event...

Sponsored By Agawam Cultural Council...

"An Evening With Gershwin" Coming To Storowton

The Agawam Cultural Council will present "An Evening With Gershwin" with Paul Bisaccia, concert pianist, on Friday, October 29th, at the Carriage House, Storowton.

There will be a cocktail-hour with entertainment by Pat Tobin singing songs of Frank Sinatra, and a full-course dinner will be served preceding the concert. Funds raised from this event will enable the Cultural Council to fund more programs for the schools, summer concerts, and the "First Friday" programs.

Tickets for this benefit concert are \$23 per person and \$35 for patrons who will be listed in the program booklet. For tickets, call (413) 733-4910 or (413) 737-5945; tickets will also be available at Sounds of Music, 1060 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Support for this event will enable the Cultural Council to present free programs for all the citizens of Agawam.

AHS's Class Of 1944 To Hold 55th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1944 will hold its 55th class reunion on Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st.

The celebration starts on Saturday evening at the Monte Carlo Restaurant, 1020 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, with a cocktail hour from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. Your choice of prime rib of roast beef or baked stuffed shrimp for dinner entree will be offered.

On Sunday morning at 10:00, a brunch will be held at the Ivanho Restaurant, 1422 Elm Street, West Springfield.

For further information, call 739-1263, 786-4075, or 786-3642.

Applications Available For Cultural Grants

The Agawam Cultural Council has announced that applications for the 1999-2000 grants are available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, and the Clerk's Office at the Town Hall, 36 Main Street, during normal business hours.

Applications must be received by the council by October 15th in order to qualify for funds.

Further information may be obtained by calling 786-1859.

The Syrinx Ensemble In Performance At Ag. Middle School

The Syrinx Ensemble will give a free concert of music by composers from New England and Latin America at the Agawam Middle School on Friday, October 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

The Syrinx Ensemble was formed in 1991 and since then it has been active playing chamber music from the Renaissance to the 20th century, focusing on art music by Latin American composers and promoting music by New England composers.

This program is free and open to the public, and is being presented by the Agawam Cultural Council with funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before October 1, 1999.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61, 62 62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP, (413) 746-0796, 171 Park Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Agawam where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental impact report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, Attention: MEPA Unit, referencing the above project.

By Timothy A. Coon

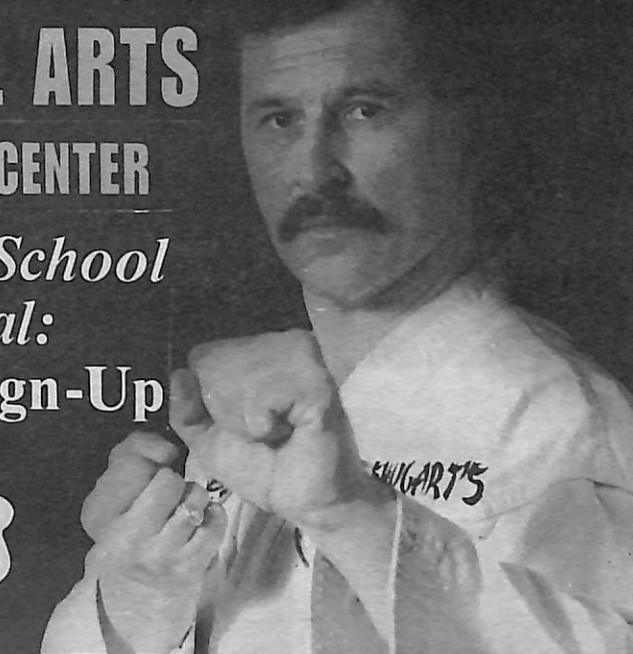
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Agawam High School's Guidance Bulletin

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October 5th: Westfield State College, 8:00; Fitchburg State College, 9:00.

October 6th: UMass Dartmouth, 8:00.

October 7th: Wheelock College, 8:00; New England College, 1:00.

October 12th: University of Hartford, 7:30; College of St. Rose, 8:30; University of Rhode Island, 10:00.

October 13th: Western New England College, 8:00; STCC, 9:30.

October 14th: Salve Regina College, 7:45; Utica College, 12:00; University of Southern Maine, 1:00.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Barr Scholarship: Open to Hampden County students. Awards are made on the basis of school records, recommendations, SAT scores, and the financial need of the applicant. Deadline: December 31, 1999.

Toyota Community Scholars Program: High school seniors with outstanding academic achievement who have demonstrated school leadership and have been involved in community service are encouraged to apply. Deadline: December 1, 1999.

Ron Brown Scholar Program: This program is designed to provide scholarships to academically talented, highly motivated African-American high school seniors who have demonstrated social commitment and leadership potential. Deadline: January 9, 2000.

The following colleges are offering merit scholarships to outstanding students who enroll there: **University of Southern Maine, Washington University, Rutgers University, Merrimack College, Emory University, Devry Institute, and University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.**

OPEN HOUSES: The following colleges are hosting Open Houses this fall. See your counselor for more information.

Wheelock College: October 16th and November 13th.

University of Southern Maine: October 15th, October 29th, and November 12th.

Quinnipiac College: October 11th, October 23rd, and November 11th.

Fordham University: October 11th, October 23rd, and October 30th.

Albertus Magnus College: October 30th.

Gannon University: November 7th.

New Hampshire College: October 2nd and November 7th.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges: October 11th and November 12th.

Eugene Lang College: October 10th and November 14th.

Yale University: Science and Engineering Expo, October 11th.

Regis College: October 24th.

Mitchell College: October 16th.

Boston University: October 31st.

A Member Of The Freshman Class...

Patricia Zerra Takes On Outdoor Challenges At Connecticut College

Patricia Elizabeth Zerra, a freshman at Connecticut College, strapped on a backpack and confronted the challenges of an intensive outdoor program — Conn.'s Outdoor Orientation Program (COOP) — before the academic challenges of the classroom began for the fall semester.

Zerra, of 77 White Fox Road, Feeding Hills, is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School.

COOP's rigorous outdoor activities provided members of the class of 2003 with a unique opportunity to learn about themselves and their new classmates. Traveling through New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, the students participate in still- and white-water canoeing, technical rock climbing, high and low rope course elements, backpacking, and caving.

Through COOP, the freshmen are challenged physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially during the course of the program. This allows them to begin the academic year with enhanced personal awareness and self-confidence, improved leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility for the environment.

Connecticut College is a highly selective, co-educational residential liberal arts college enrolling 1,600 undergraduates, located in the picturesque former whaling port of New London, Connecticut.

Area Students Receive Degrees From Western New England College

During ceremonies held in late May of this year, Anthony S. Caprio, President of Western New England College, conferred degrees upon the following Agawam and Feeding Hills residents:

Jennifer L. Barrett of Feeding Hills, daughter of Patricia and William Herd of Feeding Hills, received a Master of Business Administration degree in health care management.

Mark W. Brittain of Feeding Hills, son of Marsha Brittain of Feeding Hills and Paul Brittain of South Hadley, received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree magna cum laude. (Magna cum laude honors, signifying scholastic excellence, are awarded at graduation to students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.60 and 3.80.) While at WNEC, Brittain received the Academic Achievement Award in Criminal Justice, and the Junior and Senior Student Ambassador awards.

Alexandra P. Schoolcraft of Agawam, daughter of Spiridoula and Pantelis Papoutsakis of Springfield, received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree magna cum laude. While at WNEC, Schoolcraft was named to the Delta Mu Delta National Business Administration Honor Society. She was a member of the Accounting Association and the Institute of Management Accountants, and she also received the High Scholastic Attainment Plaque.

Sean C. Szczygiel of Feeding Hills, son of Ann and Kevin Szczygiel of Feeding Hills, received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree cum laude. (Cum laude honors, signifying scholastic excellence, are awarded at graduation to students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.30 and 3.60.)

Western New England College, founded in 1919, is a private, comprehensive, coeducational institution located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, MA. The College serves its 4,900 students on its Springfield main campus and at 20 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

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Ag. Middle School Counselor's News

by Thomas F. Dacey
Middle School Counselor

The Middle School wishes parents to know that Student Progress Reports (which indicate poor academic progress and other problems) will be issued on or about October 8th. The parents of students who receive these reports are asked to please sign and return them to the school as soon as possible.

The parents of these students should work with the school to resolve any difficulties before report card time. Regular school attendance and prompt completion of homework assignments cannot be overemphasized. Parents are advised to regularly check their child's *Agenda Book* to be sure homework is being completed.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is again underway at the Middle School. Officer Karen Langevin and Officer Michael Santore of the Agawam Police Department have been working with rooms 201, 203, 205, 207, 210, and 212 of the fifth grade. The others rooms will receive D.A.R.E. training during the second half of the year. The highly successful D.A.R.E. program provides valuable training in the avoidance of drug abuse and violence.

The fifth-graders began Phase 1 of the study skills program on September 27th. The counselor is visiting each fifth-grade class and discussing such topics as when and where to study, managing time, and how to get better marks on reports and tests.

Each fifth-grade student will be given a booklet called *How to Study*, which gives the students a variety of ideas on how to be successful in school. The fifth-graders will also be given a booklet called *The Elementary School Counselor*, which gives them a detailed overview of the services provided by the counselor. The students are being requested to bring these booklets home, and their parents are asked to go over them with their children.

The co-ed intramural sports program has recently begun at the Middle School. The sixth-grade students are playing flag football, and the fifth-graders are playing soccer.

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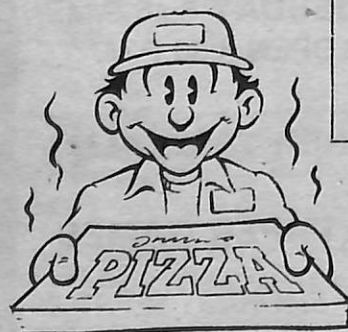
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News Update From Cub Pack 75

On Tuesday, October 5th, between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, we will be holding another sign-up night for Cub Scouts.

This is for boys in grades one through the fifth grade.

First grade is for Tiger Cubs and adult partners (over 18 years of age).

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Fourth grade is first-year Webelos.

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Come and talk with us, and we will explain the program.

We are also at the Parish Center on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

We are a Pack who signs up boys throughout the year. So, if there are any boys who are new in town, please let them know about us.

Have your son bring neighbors or friends to sign up with him. We welcome parents to sign up also as leaders with your sons.

Remember, Tuesday, October 5th, at Sacred Heart Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: We will also have three of our Pack 75 leaders at Agawam Baptist Church on Main Street on Tuesday, October 5th, between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. to sign up boys also.

They are Cheryl, Heidi, and Mary Jane. They also will be more than happy to talk with.

Please call 786-2309 for more information. If there is no answer, please leave a message; we will be more than happy to call you back.

At Suffield Academy...

Agawam Students Honored At Annual Underclass Prize Day

At Suffield Academy's annual Underclass Prize Day on September 23rd, the following students from Agawam were honored for their accomplishments during the 1998-1999 school year:

Elizabeth Cowan, Yale Book Prize; Melissa Knight, Underclass French Prize; and Brittany Locke, Biology Prize.

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From AHS Guidance Department...

How To Analyze "Put-Downs"

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

Liz walks into my office. It is a sunny day outside, but her look clearly does not reflect the weather! "Mrs. Cohen, I am so sick of everyone putting me down. I mean, the teachers find fault with my work, my so-called friends snicker when I give an incorrect answer, and my parents think I'm stupid. I'm beginning to think they're right." And with that, Liz begins to cry. She is one sad gal whose self-esteem is at an all-time low.

Talking in a quiet, soothing voice, I ask her to tell me exactly what is happening at home. Many times I find that things which occur at home are internalized, and color meanings of statements made outside of the home. As we continued our discussion, I realized I was on target. Actually, her parents were not the openly accusatory culprits; her sister was the one who constantly put her down. Her parents, however, were bystanders; rather than telling big sister to watch what she was saying, they allowed her to continue her put-downs, figuring that the two sisters could resolve their own issues. Obviously, this was not happening. However, now that I knew her older sister was the perpetrator, I was able to zero in on the problem.

"Liz, how does Jane do in school?" "Mrs. Cohen, her grades have not been good and she has been grounded for not completing her homework." "And how does that make her feel, Liz?" I ask. Naturally, the grounding has made her big sister furious. She looks around, sees her seemingly happy sister, and decides that she, Jane, needs some company in the low self-esteem department. After all, misery loves company. I explain these thoughts to Liz, telling her that those who are feeling badly about themselves usually deliver put-downs. They really dislike seeing someone else who is happy and, in this case, the happy person is a sister. I mean, that's just terrible!!! So, Jane wants to make Liz unhappy, too.

Liz discusses her schoolwork with me and I

point out to her that she is not doing so badly. Math is giving her some problems, but she is going for help. Her math teacher is not picking on her; rather, she has been pointing out the mistakes that Liz has been making and has been suggesting that she correct them and/or come in for extra help. Liz, because she is already upset with her sister, perceives the teacher's suggestions as put-downs. Next, we examine her friends, whom she thinks have been snickering at her. Through further discussion, Liz begins to see that they, too, were not really picking at her; rather, they were laughing with her. Because Liz was so upset with her sister, she wrongfully felt her friends were putting her down, too.

I suggested to Liz that I call her parents to let them know how she is feeling. Liz leaves my office with her head held a little higher. I make a telephone call to Mom. Mom was trying to let the girls settle their own differences, and did not realize the impact Jane's remarks were making on Liz. I lauded Mom for allowing the girls to attempt to work things out by themselves, but told her that sometimes a parent has to step in. It behooved Mom and Dad to put a stop to Jane's barbs and to let Liz know that her parents were proud of her academic achievement in most of her classes. Jane is the one who must do some soul-searching. She must take ownership of her problems. She must start focusing on herself, not on her sister. Instead of using so much energy to put down her sister, Jane should use that energy to lift herself up.

When put-downs happen, analyze them. Who is issuing them? What is the reason for them? Are the reasons based in fact? If not, just like a coat that does not fit, discard the put-downs and don't choose to wear them. If your children are on the receiving end, find out why. Talk to your children. If it is feasible, meet with the perpetrators of the put-downs. Together, do try to solve the problem.

Agawam High School's Parent Senate To Hold First Meeting On October 13th

The first meeting of Agawam High School's Parent Senate will take place in the High School cafeteria on October 13th at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to enhance communication between the High School principal and parents or guardians of High School students.

Topics to be presented will focus on class size,

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Sports

Schoolboy Football Vs Longmeadow...

Lancers Leave Harmon Smith Field With 49-22 Victory Over Brownies

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High's 49-22 loss to Longmeadow High last Saturday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field was simply a good-old, down-home, butt-kicking on a beautiful fall afternoon.

The Division II champions (rumor has it they'll be in Division I next season) had no trouble going through, around, and over the Brownie defense, to the tune of 430 total yards (315 rushing, 115 passing).

They were led by All-Western Mass. senior tailback Winston McGregor (167 yards, four TDs) and quarterback Justin Vincent (5-8, 115 yards, 1 TD pass to McGregor).

Agawam answered with 246 total yards of its own, including 119 from senior tailback Dave Moore (his first 100-yard game of the season). Moore also had two touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Brian St. Jean added to the total rushing for 74 yards on eight attempts, including a 54-yard sprint for a score and going 5-15 for 103 yards through the air.

It was the Agawam defense that seemed to be like the Dutch kid with a finger in the dike. Longmeadow poured it on and never let up. They took the opening kickoff and scored eight plays later with the 5'9", 185-pound McGregor lugging the leather in from the two-yard line.

Locals Far From Done

At that point, Agawam was far from done, as St. Jean demonstrated to the nervous faithful, with a 54-yard TD effort on the fourth play from scrimmage off the option. He scored with six minutes left in the first quarter.

Lancer Coach Alex Rotsko would comment later that they didn't take care of business on that particular play and thus got burned. The PAT made it 7-6, Agawam.

Longmeadow was all business after that. When they got the ball back, McGregor scored from the two with 3:07 left after a six-play, 63-yard drive. They did the deed despite some good defense by Vic Romano and Lou Conte. The problem was, Agawam just didn't have enough of a defensive effort for the entire game. After one quarter, Longmeadow led, 14-7.

It got worse. Agawam tried to get something going in the next 12 minutes. However, they coughed up the ball on a blown hand-off and Longmeadow recovered the fumble at the host's 30. Seven plays later, they had their third score of the game on a seven-yard scamper, courtesy of McGregor. Now, Agawam trailed, 20-7, and there were still 6½ minutes to go in the half.

The Lancers' defense, buoyed by their 13-point lead, brought it on. This time, they chased after St. Jean on a roll out and stripped the ball from his grasp, giving the offense and McGregor the ball once again at the Brownie 30-yard line.

The Agawam 'D,' thinking run (with McGregor the likely candidate), were crossed up. Justin Vincent hit his tailback on a screen at the Agawam 24 and McGregor delivered the mail for the fourth time. The TD had Longmeadow up, 28-7, with 4:23 to go.

Agawam's tale of woe continued. A Lancers' interception had them in good field position on the Brownie 46. This time, the score was provided by Ryan McCarthy on a nine-yard jaunt. McGregor,

never far from pay dirt, supplied the two extra points, making it 36-7 with two minutes left.

A Moment Of Concern

There was a moment of concern on that series, when Brownie running back Tony Liquori, who was on defense at the time, got his bell rung and had to be taken away in an ambulance. But word came down later on that the junior would be okay, which was about the only good news the faithful would get all afternoon long.

Down big time going into the second half, Agawam could do little on its first possession. Longmeadow, on the other hand, never missed a beat. Starting on their own 25-yard line, they drove 75 yards on 10 plays. The score and the extra point saw the Lancer lead balloon to 43-7.

To their credit, the Brownies didn't give up. The next time they saw the ball, they also visited the Lancers' end zone. It took seven plays, covered 75 yards, and was highlighted by a 40-yard bomb from St. Jean to senior Scott Harlin, and ended up with Moore darting in from the seven. St. Jean's point after made it 43-14 with 3:02 left in the third.

The Brownie defense had stiffened a bit and Rotsko helped out by playing some of his subs on offense. So, it's pretty safe to say that the Lancers' coach wasn't going to run it up - though some of the faithful already thought he had, to a point.

Now Agawam got the ball back on its 12-yard line with 10 seconds gone in the fourth and produced its best drive of the game; 88 yards. Along the way, tight end Lou Conte caught a 16-yard pass from St. Jean and Moore had runs of 23, 20, and 29 yards in the 11-play series, before lugging it in from the Lancer nine. Moore then ran for two and Agawam had closed the gap to 43-22 with 6:52 left.

Agawam tried an on-side kick, gambling that the Lancers might make a mistake. There was none of that and the visitors had the ball on their own 48. They took another one in for the final six points of the game.

Coach Tad Desautels sent in some of the youngsters after that to get them some experience. They played the final 3:40 of the game. Sophomore Brian Michel looked good, as did freshman QB Joe Clark. They are the future. Saturday was the present.

The immediate future will see the Brownies host Chicopee Comp this Friday night at Harmon Smith Field. Comp's coach, of course, is the dad of Tad, Wally Desautels. Coach Tad said he will treat that contest just like all the others - play to win and not make it any more important than any other game. Agawam fell to 1-1. Comp will come in at 1-1. Longmeadow rose to 2-0.

BROWNIE STATS:

RUSHING: Moore - 21-119-2 (Ing, 29); St. Jean - 8-74-1 (Ing, 54); Michel - 3-13 (Ing, 6); Liquori - 1-1; Romano - 1-1.

PASSING: St. Jean - 5-15-103, 1 Int; Clark - 1-1-13. RECEIVING: Harlin - 3-78; Moore - 1-9; Conte - 1-16; Matt Shea - 1-10.

KO: St. Jean - 35, 23, 20, 8 (21.5 avg); PUNTS: St. Jean - 57, 26 (41.5).

KO RET: Moore - 10, 14, 15 (13 avg); Romano - 9, 6, 26 (13.6).

In Agawam/Chicopee Comp Game...

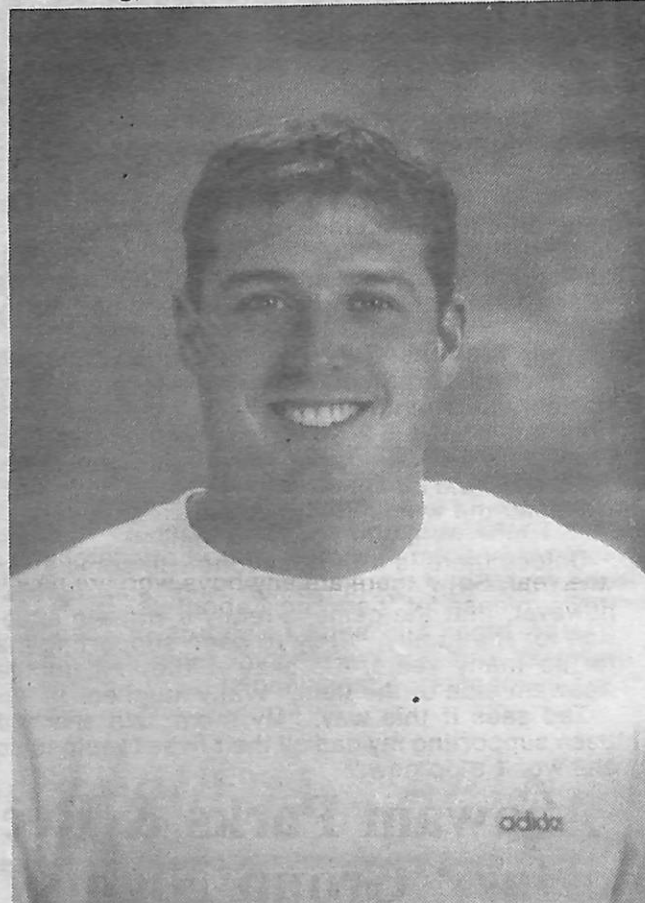
A Special Meeting Between Desautels & His Dad On Fri.

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On Friday evening at Harmon Smith Field, one of those rare sports events in this town will take place - Agawam High and Chicopee Comp will lock up in football battle.

Of course, it's big because it marks the opening AA game for both teams. Perhaps it's even bigger because it will pit father and son, both varsity coaches, against each other - Agawam's Tad Desautels and his dad, Comp's Wally Desautels.

It is quite a contrast and an exciting one to anticipate. Tad is in his first season as the head man. His dad, a 34-year veteran of high school coaching, was the head coach at South Hadley



TAD DESAUTELS, Agawam High School's varsity football coach.

High for 28 years and has led the Colts for the last six campaigns.

A Special Meeting

This is indeed a special meeting. "We were talking about setting a precedent here. We've been discussing it. No one can remember a father-son coaching match-up ever around here, at least in football," Wally said. Tad agreed.

They also agreed that the game, because of its AA Conference implications, is important. However, the chance to coach against each other is something they can't help but look forward to. "I never really dreamed it would happen. Personally, it is great for our family," Tad noted. "I honestly never thought it would occur. But when Tad got the Agawam job earlier in the year, I knew where we were headed," his dad said.

Neither coach is going to probably fool the other in this game. Wally coached Tad, along with his three brothers, for all four years during his football days at South Hadley and got to watch some of his work on tape when Tad was an assistant coach at Tolar High School in Texas. Wally knows his son's personality. Tad admits he was always asking his dad for insights into coaching, which is one of the professions he wanted to pursue.

"I think we might have different philosophies about how to play the game and different styles. But we have the same ideals," Tad said. Then he added, "It could very well be old school against new school. My dad has a basic, in-your-face offense out of the power-I with different shifts. He'll come right at you with nothing fancy."

"However," Tad paused, "he also has the experience to install some big plays in his game plan."

Tad runs the option and all the variations off of it. Wally commented, "Yeah, I might be a little of

Freshman Football...

Young Brownies Begin Season With 26-12 Loss To Longmeadow Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Friday afternoon, September 24th, the Agawam High freshman football team, under Coach Kirk Parker, got its season underway, losing to the Longmeadow freshmen, 26-12. "They have an excellent team and had a good Suburban League season before getting into their high school schedule," Parker noted.

Agawam trailed 14-0 at intermission. Their scores in the second half came by way of a

65-yard run on a dive play by Arthur Nowik in the third quarter and a 20-yard fourth-quarter run by Sal Santaniello.

There was a nice pass play in the game, a 35-yard job from quarterback Mike Bachini to Scott Roberts into the Lancers' red zone. But time ran out before the young Brownies could cash in on it.

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the old school. But I have a lot of young assistant coaches around me who keep up with the latest trends. They are always willing to try new things, providing those things work."

Wally noted that Tad, from his days in Texas, has brought the Texas-style defense back up North. "They (AHS) are very aggressive. We'll have to deal with that."

Tad added, "My dad is the offensive coordinator for Comp. Coach (Rich) Jewell is my defensive coordinator. So, Rich will be busy."

Each Have Scouted The Opposition...

Both coaches, besides trying to get into each other's heads for this one, have scouted the opposition. Each team is 1-1. Agawam won its opener vs. Greenfield (26-0) before falling hard to Longmeadow (49-22) last Saturday.

Comp also won its opener, an emotional nail-biter over arch-rival Chicopee High, but then bowed to South Hadley, 27-12.

"Longmeadow is a very good team. We scrimmaged them in pre-season. Tad had a tough one there," Wally said.

"As for us, we were presented with the Silver Sword, which goes to the winner of the Comp-Chicopee game, on the Friday afternoon before we played South Hadley (that evening). My kids were emotionally spent. South Hadley, as all good teams will, took full advantage of that," Wally explained.

"We will see a different team than the one that played both South Hadley and Chicopee," Tad said. "My dad is great at getting kids back on an even keel emotionally. They will have no letdown against us."

Comp has some weapons the Brownies will have to deal with, according to Tad. "They have two quarterbacks of equal ability, sophomore Tony Couture and junior Jeremy Shlosser," Tad said.

"He's (Tad) right. Both have taken an equal number of snaps since day one. Tony is the passer with four TD throws. Jeremy is a little better ballhandler. We don't lose a thing when we alternate them, which is most of the time," Wally said.

Wally also mentioned junior tailback Donnell Boucher as a force on offense. Receiver Jeremy Hartbarger, a junior, has two TD catches. Comp runs out of the 5-2 on defense as opposed to Agawam's 4-6. Senior defensive end John Dietel (6'3", 235) and senior nose guard Chris Nally (5'9", 200) lead the way in the trenches.

Win-Win For The Family

Unless there is a tie, someone will come away with the win. Both father and son agreed, however, that the game is really a win-win situation for the family. "They've been supporting me for so many years, it's okay if they sit on the Agawam side of the field," Wally laughed.

Tad sees it this way: "My mom said she had been supporting my dad all their lives together, so she won't stop now."

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THE 1999 GOLF TEAM at Agawam High School. Standing: Coach Paul Bachini, Adam D'Amario, Bill Menard, Brian Chechile, Ryan Morgan, Andy Green, Kacy Progulske, captain Shawn Biebel, Jason Rosenberg, Rob Cullen, and Bob Woods. Kneeling: Tom Montagna, Ben Crum, Ryan Zaczynski, Jeremy Malanson, Pat Landers, and Andy Korney. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Schoolboy Golf...

Minnechaug Defeats AHS, 11-7, At The Wilbraham Country Club

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After their 16½-11½ romp over Holyoke last Thursday, the Agawam golf team traveled to the Country Club of Wilbraham Monday afternoon and fell to Minnechaug, 11-7. "We shot only one stroke more than they did for the match," Brownie Coach Paul Bachini pointed out.

Sophomore Bill Menard went off in the number one spot and came back with a one-over 37, tying his Falcon opponent, Sean Mahoney, who also shot a 37. Menard, a promising kid, shared the medalist honors with the Falcon. Menard earned a point for his efforts.

Shawn Biebel, playing out of the second spot on this day, fired a 38, tying his opponent. The senior grabbed a point, as well. Junior Andy Green shot a 41, a stroke better than his opponent. He played out of the third slot and had three birdies in a row before the Falcon answered with two birdies of his own. Green picked up half a point. At that juncture of the match, Agawam was down, 6½-2½. They needed help from the four, five, and six golfers.

Sophomore Adam D'Amario, after a 38 against Holyoke, was in the fourth spot. However, he hooked his first tee-shot out of bounds, never recovered, and ended up with a 53 and no points. It was then 9½-2½ and the Falcons had won the match.

Senior Ryan Morgan, playing at number five, beat his man, 38-48, for three points.

Kacy Progulske, a junior, went off sixth and shot a 46 for a point-and-a-half. He started off slow, but came on to shoot even-par for his last four holes.

Looking For Consistency

Coach Bachini, who has the luxury of switching his three top guys around, admitted he is still looking for consistency, especially from positions four through six. "During practice, when they fight for a spot in the next match, I'm looking for someone to step up and give me rounds in the 30's. Once we get them all shooting in that area, we'll be in good shape."

He also noted that it will take 10 wins to qualify for the tournament. Since they are 6-3 at this point, the post-season seems a given. "Everyone in our league has a good shot, because of the parity. A couple teams, East Longmeadow and South Hadley, are a little ahead of the pack," he said.

Agawam will play six of their final nine games on the road, which the coach noted will be a test.

If it becomes necessary, the 5-2 JV team might be an answer. The coach notes that some of the youngsters might get a call up to the varsity.

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Girls' Soccer...

Brownies Visit Longmeadow And Fall To Lancers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team saw its three-game unbeaten streak come to a screeching halt Monday afternoon with a 2-0 loss over at Longmeadow. It was a combination of things.

First, the officials were anything but kind to the Brownies as they seemed not to notice that the bigger and stronger Lancers were getting away with less than legal contact all over the field throughout the game. "It's tough if you have to play with one eye to getting leveled and no one notices," Brownie Coach Laura Wray pointed out.

Then there was the fact that Agawam couldn't come up with any kind of offense to answer the Lancer scores. (Agawam has nine goals in seven games for a 1.2 average.) That just won't get it done. And they also have some injuries to key people - senior striker Gina Loudfoot can't operate at full speed because of a continuing problem with her left knee. Senior midfielder Jen Lyman is also hurting. "This week, we have a short schedule, so maybe we can get some rest," Wray noted.

Agawam played the Lancers, who came in at 3-0-3, even up until there were 13 minutes gone in the first half. Then, Kerry O'Malley, Longmeadow's outstanding striker, scored her ninth goal of the season to put her team up, 1-0. They continued the attack, sniffing for another score. Striker Amanda Merola, midfielder Ann Paquette, fullback Kate Shannon, and sweeper Sheri Benton met the challenge and turned back the threat. Sophomore fullback Amanda Blair showed well, clearing a shot headed for the right corner.

At the halfway point, Agawam, behind Merola, Paquette, and midfield striker Jenn Leupo, managed to penetrate the Lancers' zone. Fullback Courtney Adamczyk took advantage of their efforts with a shot that Lancers' keeper Kathy MacDonald kicked away at the last second. Senior midfielder Kristen Lawson tracked down the rebound and let fly off the right wing. But the ball, with a chance if it were lower, sailed over the crossbar.

Another Excellent Chance For The Locals

Agawam had another excellent chance a



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL girls' varsity soccer team. Back row: Coach Laura Wray, Dianna DiStefano, Marie Buendo, Katie Shannon, Amanda Tilden, Elise Alfano, Pam Gervais, Annie Paquette, and Kristen Lawson. Middle row: Heather Newalu, Becca Nacewicz, Jill Gendron, Amy Jensen, Desiree Marsili, Amanda Blair, Amanda Merola, Courtney Adamczyk, and Jenn Leupo. Front row: Laura Bucalo, captain Gina Loudfoot, captain Jen Lyman, captain Sheri Benton, and Kaitlin White. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

minute later. Paquette had a rush down the right side of the box. She had Merola open 10 yards to her left. Paquette's pass led Merola a little too much and the Brownies' forward could not get off a clean shot at the open right-hand corner of the Lancers' net.

Longmeadow bulled its way back and tested Bucalo three times - the first on a free kick, the second from the left side (30 feet away), and the third off an attack in front of her goal.

Because the Lancers were concentrating so much on offense, Loudfoot, giving it her best despite the knee, managed a semi-break with five minutes left. But her usually good speed was not there and she was marked and tackled down. Loudfoot left the game at that point. As time ran out in the half, midfielder Amy Jensen, the hobbled Lyman, and Merola tried to get the ball past midfield. But the Lancers' defense belted them back to take a 1-0 lead into the intermission.

Agawam had two shots on goal. Longmeadow came in with three.

Longmeadow intensified its aggressive tactics in the second half. There were five minutes gone when they tested the Brownie 'D' again. Bucalo swatted away a shot produced by a Lancers' breakaway. Another shot had her scrambling 30 seconds later, but it hit the left post. Benton came

up with a good mark and tackle on a Lancer break from the right side of the box.

Mounting Pressure For Defenders

The pressure was too much for the Agawam defenders. O'Malley had the ball 30 feet out and drove it into the left corner of the Brownies' net after getting a great pass, for her second goal of the game and 10th of the season.

Longmeadow, banging on defense and with the play now resembling a hockey game, was back on the attack shortly after that score. It was obvious they weren't going to let the visitors get any kind of sustained offense going. And they were killing the clock by working the ball into the Brownies' zone.

With 10 minutes left, Loudfoot was back in and had a good shot on a rush down the left wing. But MacDonald was there for the save.

A minute later, the Lancers' Laura Harwood had a sure score directly in front of the Agawam net. Luckily for Agawam, she whiffed on the kick and the Brownies dodged a bullet.

As the seconds clicked away, Agawam ended the game on defense and saw its record fall to 2-4-1 (1-0-1). Longmeadow rose to 4-0-3 in the non-league game.

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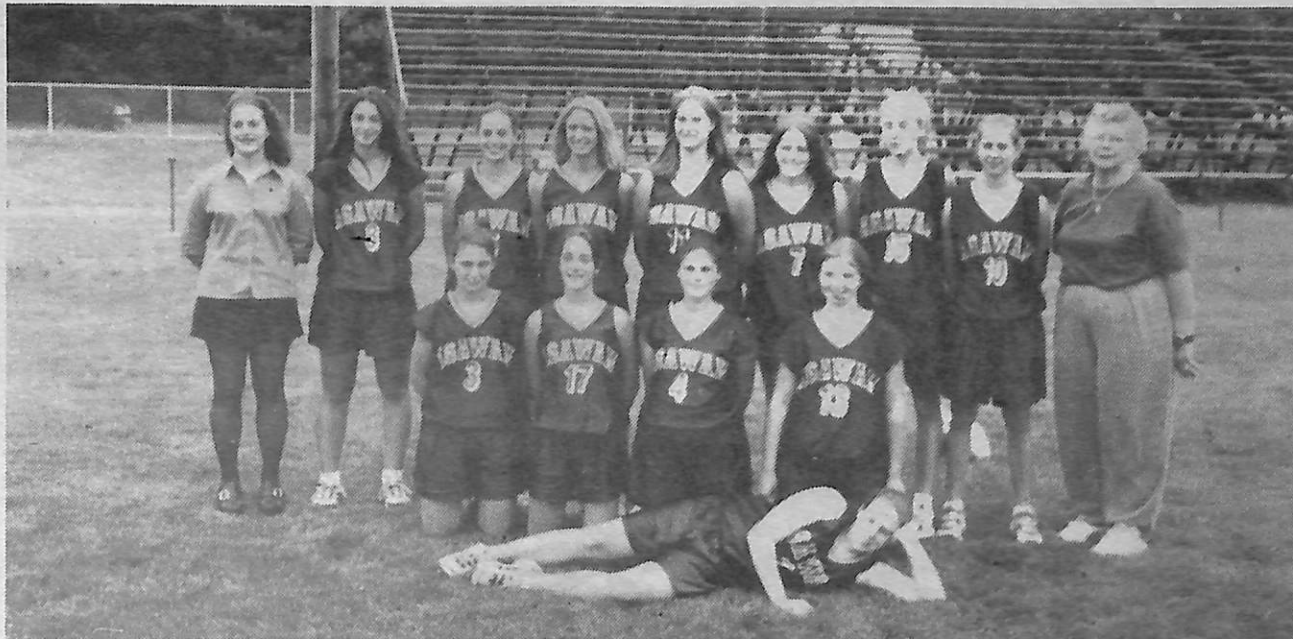
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IN LEFT PHOTO: The AHS girls' volleyball team for 1999. Back row: Manager Lissa Ann Asta-Ferrero, Kristina Midura, Erin Corbin, Sarah Lottermoser, Amanda Brown, Megan Gaffney, Lindsey Jeserski, Kara Barnes, and Coach Patricia Demers. Middle row: Katie Ludwig, Elena Cattoni, Elizabeth Gottardi, and Kerri Merriman. Front row: Elizabeth Stieg. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Exchange student Elena Cattoni (from Italy) with Coach Patricia Demers. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

Girls' Volleyball...

The Brownies' Second Season Has, Thus Far, Been A Series Of Ups And Downs

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' volleyball team started out on a positive note, winning its first two games, which was half of what it won in the school's inaugural 1998 season when the team went 4-11.

Then, the roof caved in with four straight losses before they beat Putnam Monday afternoon, 16-14, 16-14.

Some of those losses really hurt the girls' confidence, according to Coach Pat Demers. "Our three-game defeat here against Minnechaug, was troubling," she admitted. "We were tied at a game apiece, then, for some reason, they just lost it and the match, with a 15-2 performance."

Demers said that swoon spilled over to their next loss - 15-7, 15-3 at East Longmeadow. "The focus is gone. They are not communicating. The skills they practice day in and day out are being forgotten," she said, trying to figure out how to right the ship.

She admits the kids are still young, with only one senior on the squad (exchange student Elena Cattoni). It showed against Putnam as they struggled to break their losing streak. The Brownies were ahead early, then lost the lead and had to

battle back to win the first game against the then 2-3 Beavers.

They went up, 9-2, in the second game, then had to hang on for the match. "We were lucky to have that seven-point cushion," Demers admitted.

Team Members Stepping Up

There are some kids on the team who seem to be stepping up. Sophomore Kristina Midura, junior Sarah Lottermoser, and junior Lindsey Jeserski were mentioned. However, the overall offense is suffering. "They can't seem to put the ball down and close things out. That all comes from being tough. They have to go out there chewing nails with a killer instinct," she noted.

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Also, many of the players carry full and tough class loads. The coach feels they are tired to a point. "Between practice, class and homework plus trying to get some sleep can take its toll," she admitted.

The kids are encouraged to bring in their homework and do it before practice. Some do and the coach feels they have a bit of the pressure taken off them. Also, a few have been sick, but insist on playing anyway. "If I see them getting weak, out they come," she said, then added, "In the end, I tell them while they look good in practice, crunch time is when they put their game uniforms on."



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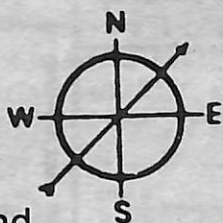
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Boys' Soccer...

AHS's Passing Part Of 3-1 Win Over Spfld. Central

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team was in a tailspin going into Tuesday evening's game vs. visiting Springfield Central.

They stood at 1-3 and needed a victory to get well. They did it to the tune of 3-1 (it could have been more) to raise their record to 2-3 while playing perhaps their best soccer of the season. And that came with two starters, Jack Patterson and Dan Marsili, on the sidelines because of injuries.

"We passed very well. It's an aspect of the game we work very hard on in practice. Tonight it clicked for us," was how varsity Coach Glenn Olson summed up the onfield events.

Here Comes Lopes

Agawam was on its game from the get-go. Senior All-Western Mass. forward Brian Lopes got the Brownies on the board just 1:19 off the clock. Lopes, hustling all game long, was racing through the middle of the box. Forward Aaron Gilbert was a few steps back, 20 feet to Lopes' right and controlling the ball.

Gilbert nudged a pass Lopes' way. He gobbled it up in full stride, cut into the crease, and pulled the trigger, giving AHS a 1-0 lead. Gilbert got the assist.

Lopes looked to score again barely two minutes later. The senior, with the ball on his toe, broke behind the Golden Eagles' defense and bore down on net. Eagles' keeper Pat Sullivan came out to meet him. With his typical fancy footwork, Lopes faked Sullivan to the ground and had another score right in front of him.

The goalmouth must have looked like the Ted Williams Tunnel. Lopes launched from 15 feet out and the blast sailed 10 feet over the crossbar.

Lopes' shoulda', coulda', woulda' effort spurred on his mates. At the 34:50 mark, senior Derek Mercadante, usually in the net and now in the field, senior midfielder Barry Ward (playing hurt with a heavily taped right shoulder), and Gilbert, drove deep into the Eagles' zone.

Tri-captain Jack Pearson fired a crossing header towards Gilbert. Gilbert's shot missed by a foot to the right.

While the Brownies were getting their opportunities, Central was scrambling to just get a look at the AHS net. It came at 31:27. Junior keeper John DeCaro made the initial stop on a skidding shot from 20 feet out.

However, DeCaro couldn't control the rebound and the Eagles' Mark Palantino sneaked it in for the 1-1 tie.

Agawam came right back behind its passing game as sophomore midfielder Eric Serna, Ward, Lopes, and Pearson skillfully worked the ball into the Central zone. Lopes took advantage at 27:20 by rushing to point blank range in the middle of the crease. Sullivan, however, pounced on the ball before Lopes could line up his shot.

Two minutes later, the Brownies' pressure paid off when Ward, his right arm wrapped tight by a big-time tape job, hit Gilbert cutting from the right side of the box with a pinpoint pass.

Gilbert, who happened to be celebrating his 17th birthday, gave himself a present by scoring Agawam's second goal of the game and his third of the season. Ward got the assist.

DeCaro, who was getting plenty of defensive help from guys like Mike Crough, Travis Cowles, Mike Quirk, and Brad Theriaque, made a leaping save on a 40-foot moonball with 16:35 left. The Eagles kept up the pressure with a right-corner kick three minutes later.

While they didn't score, Central did get a rare penalty kick from the officials when DeCaro wiped out a Central attacker. Agawam dodged the bullet when the freebie sailed through the football uprights and harmlessly into the night sky.

Back In The Central Zone

Agawam, led by the hustle of Gilbert and Lopes, went back to its domination of the Central zone by virtue of the pass. Part of the Agawam energy had to do with the fact that Olson was substituting freely, thus keeping fresh legs in the mix at all times.

The half wound down with a final Central push on the Brownies' net which was turned away with more up-tempo defense that included Ward, Jim Evans, and Mike Carmody (called up from the JV's just before the game).

"Over the first 20 minutes of the first half, our kids played some great soccer," Olson smiled. Agawam would have six shots on the Eagles' net. The visitors responded with five.

Down 2-1, Central busted out with more tie to open the second 40 minutes. And for the first nine minutes, AHS failed to enjoy the opportunities and free access to the Central zone as before.

DeCaro, at the 28:25 mark, made a nice short-hop save on a dangerous skyball. And the Agawam defense in front of him was getting a workout.

The faithful on hand were relieved with 14 minutes gone when Serna, Gilbert, and Lopes worked a deal down the right wing. Their efforts got AHS a corner kick from the right side. The ball spun into a crowd in front of the Eagles' net.

The ball came out of the melee like a comet off the foot of Gilbert and into the twine for his second score of the night (the assist went to John Lynch). Following the tally, Gilbert trotted downfield to a chorus of "Happy Birthday" from the gang of students who always occupy the far left corner of the home side.

With 21:30 left, the Brownies appeared to have another score. The ball was loose and bouncing alone in the Central zone. Sullivan raced 50 feet out of his net in an effort to grab it. Ward arrived at about the same time and deflected the ball behind the Central keeper. Forward Josh Dickman was waiting on the left side of the goal and nudged the ball home from 10 feet out. However, the officials waved off the score, apparently because a Central defender was flattened in the scramble for the ball. This time, the chorus from the stands was a medley of boos.

"I don't know what happened. I went for a div-

ing header. Maybe there was an offside. But the refs never told me why the goal wasn't allowed. I wasn't going to argue with them, though, and risk getting thrown out of a good game," Josh explained.

Agawam's defense, along with some good play in goal by DeCaro, carried the Brownies the rest of the way. The 3-1 final also got Agawam their first Smith Division win (1-2). Central fell to 1-4-1 and 0-2-1 in the Smith.

Agawam had four second-half shots on the Eagle net for a total of 10. Central managed seven for 12 overall.

JV's VS. CENTRAL: The Brownie JV's beat Central, 6-0. Matt Ligenza had two goals. Jeff Fay, Vinnie Tirone, Nick Broska, and Brian Knight had one apiece. Jamie DelPeschio had three assists for the Brownie youngsters, who ran their record to 4-0.

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Field Hockey Action...

AHS Bows To Palmer, 3-0, In Rough Game

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High field hockey team, still looking for its first win of the season, hosted Palmer last Friday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field and came away with a 3-0 loss. The Panthers, known for their physical play, did just that, banging the Brownies at every opportunity.

It was a situation that did not set well with AHS Coach Lemnah-Warner. "Field hockey is supposed to be a non-contact sport. Palmer has never played it that way," she said.

Palmer came in at 2-2. Obviously, there were some teams that returned the physical favor. Agawam would not be one of them. It had to do with Lemnah-Warner teaching a higher standard. "I don't ask my kids to retaliate. We are better than that. We'll play them tough and we won't back off. But their game isn't ours," Lemnah-Warner stressed.

So it wasn't. And the team that played by the spirit of the rules saw a goal against them with 1:40 gone in the first half. It was clear Palmer relished the mugging.

Locals Not About To Quit

But the Brownies, playing their game, weren't about to quit. Corinne Butova, Amanda Sternowski, and Sara Gregory fought hard on defense. Gregory and Jenn Harvey, off that good defense, got the ball into the Panthers' zone 5:40 into the game. Palmer came back at the 10:12 mark and scored its second goal.

Senior Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, playing as well in net as the situation in front of her would allow, made a great save a minute after the Palmer score. But the Panthers were controlling play. Despite the efforts of Sternowski, Harvey, sweeper Sarah Prussman, and Kristen Kocot, Palmer continually rode them off the ball.

Palmer would dominate for the rest of the half, coming away with the 2-0 lead. The Panthers would have six first-half shots on the Agawam net. The Brownies managed none.

Agawam could not get any kind of sustained attack going in the second half. But they continued to play defense, despite the aggressive opposition. Erin Jackson, Butova, Nicole Dominick, along with Gregory and Danielle Bachini, were part of the mix.

Eight minutes in, Sternowski, Kocot, and Jen Pietroniro drove into the Palmer zone and got mugged. Palmer then became intent on playing some midfield field hockey until they smelled a score at the 17:19 mark. It came out of a melee in front of the Agawam net.

The score stood until the whistle. Agawam went to 0-4-1, 0-3. Palmer rose to 3-2 in this non-league game.

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Profile...

Brian Lopes Is A Mainstay Of Agawam High's Soccer Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Brian Lopes is one of the mainstays of the Agawam High boys' soccer team.

A senior forward, he recently took some time out to talk about his days as a Brownie. Brian has spent three years at AHS. Before that, he was in the Springfield School System.

This semester, he's taking integrated science, psychology, gym, reading, introduction to computers, and health.

He is a member of the Renaissance Club and was on the honor roll last year. His favorite course is math. Ralph Figy is Brian's top teacher. "Mr. Figy is a great teacher who has helped me a lot since I've been at AHS," said Brian.

Right now, he is looking at either AIC or Bentley College for next year. In the end, Brian would like to go into law enforcement as a member of a city police force in this area.

Along with soccer, he also runs track in the spring, specializing in the 4x100, 200 meters, 100 meters, and the 400 and 800 meters.

Soccer is his favorite sport. He made the All-Western Mass. second team last season, and (for most of the 1998 season) was the top scorer in the division.

His most memorable sports moment was playing parks and recreation soccer in Springfield. "It was fun. We all knew each other," he smiled.

Soccer Team Will "Turn Things Around"

While the Agawam boys' soccer team is having it rough early on (2-3, 1-2), Brian thinks they'll turn things around. "We just have to get used to doing in a game what we seem to do so well in practice," he said.

Brian scored his second goal of the season in the team's 3-1 win over Central High on Tuesday night.

He also noted that the absence of starters Barry Ward, Dan Marsili, and Judd Patterson has slowed them down a bit.

Brian's favorite food is pepperoni pizza.

Red is his color of choice.

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The Western Mass. Pioneers are his top team, and former Pioneer player Mike Butler (a forward) is his top jock.

He likes to hang out with his friends or in Springfield with his brothers.

He likes casual clothes with a "kick back" look. "I try to get them at outlet stores, where they don't cost so much," he admitted.

Rap, rhythm and blues, and country — or just



BRIAN LOPES

about anything that sounds good — suit Brian's musical tastes.

On TV, its *Boy Meets World* or any comedy for him. *Happy Gilmore* and *Rush Hour* are his favorite flicks.

Francine is his mom. Steve is his dad. He has a brother, Bill (24), who is an officer with the Springfield Police. He also has another brother, Steve Jr. (22). "They both taught me how to play soccer," Brian noted.

He looks up to both his brothers.

When his days at AHS are done, Brian would like to be remembered as a kid who kept to himself but always worked hard at all of his endeavors.

Olson sees Brian as a kid with talent and potential who goes out and plays his game as best he can.

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Girls' Soccer Vs Westfield...

Brownies Earn Hard-Fought Tie, 1-1, With Bombers At Smith Field

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team, according to Coach Laura Wray, is a different club than the one that lost its first three games of the season.

After opening with three straight losses, the locals rebounded in a big way in the next three, winning two and tying one.

The tie came last Friday night at Harmon Smith Field against Westfield in a 1-1 contest that AHS had every opportunity to win.

AHS started out in control. Midfielder Amanda Tilden led a charge on the right wing with barely two minutes gone. Meanwhile, striker Jill Gendron and midfielders Amy Jensen and Diana DiStefano stopped the Bombers' offense from getting out of their zone. Striker Aimee Loudfoot took advantage and launched a shot on goal six minutes in. But a good save by Westfield keeper Julie Arroyo frustrated the Brownie tri-captain.

Striker Amanda Merola and Gendron kept up the pressure at the 31:50 mark. However, the Bomber 'D' was also right there in this Kurty Division game. Tilden, the team's leading scorer (three goals) took a pass from Kate Shannon with 15 minutes gone. Her shot was hard, but just wide by a foot. Her mates controlled the action and stayed in the Westfield zone, where they worked the ball slowly but methodically towards the Bombers' net.

Frustrated Again

Again they were frustrated. And it was time to play some defense. Midfielder Annie Paquette, Jensen, Tilden, and Sheri Benton, anchoring it all from her sweeper position, turned in the tough 'D.' At that point, both clubs had switched to a defensive mode, meeting charges far away from danger, turning the midfield into a living textbook on how to deny the other team any offensive opportunities.

Something had to give and it did with 13:40 left in the half. The Bombers drove down Agawam's right flank. Junior Laura Bucalo had to come out

of her net. And as she has done so many times in the young season, Bucalo made the tough save that had to be made. As the game wore on, her effort would loom larger and larger.

Just as large was Agawam's score, which came with 12:15 left in the half. Junior fullback Courtney Adamczyk, the Brownies' assist leader (three), had a corner from the right. She spun it towards the Bombers' goal and Jensen was there to gather it up. She stung it home from 45 feet away, giving Agawam the 1-0 lead. It was Amy's first goal of the year. Adamczyk was credited with the assist.

The half ended that way. Agawam had six shots on net. The Bombers recorded four.

Bombers On A Real "Mission"

Westfield Coach Phil Lanier must have read his club the riot act at the intermission, because the Bombers came out like they were indeed on a bombing mission. They attacked from the get-go. Only some of that top shelf defense Agawam had displayed in the first 40 minutes kept the Brownies' behinds out of the fire. Mark down DiStefano, Adamczyk, Benton, sophomore Amanda Blair, and senior Katie Shannon as answering the call again.

Westfield, last year's Kurty Division champs and Division I finalist, would not be denied. They scored out of a melee in front of the Brownies' net at the 26:06 mark.

Both teams would settle down once again into their defensive sets. Both Bucalo and Arroyo made the stops they had to make. And though each club had their chances, the tie stood up.

Agawam went to 2-3-1 and 1-0-1 in the Kurty. Westfield saw its record stand at 3-0-2 and 1-0-1. Six Brownie second-half shots gave them 12 for the game. Westfield's four in the second half gave them a total of eight.

"We are turning it around. At certain times we dominated them, especially in the first half. And they are a very good team. I feel we will peak at the right time," Wray noted.

"Independent" Ag. Annihilators Win 2 More For The Season

The Agawam Annihilators played Hampden on Saturday, September 25th. Within 10 minutes of the first half, Kevin Malloch worked strong to get a nice goal to make it a 1-0 game.

Defense was strong with Ryan Evans, as he had a nice defensive play to save a goal. Kevin Bienia was also strong at fullback.

Nick Alvanos was remarkably talented at the halfback position, giving the offense chances to score.

In the second half, Hampden came out strong, scoring two unanswered goals within three minutes. Halfbacks Derek Pelley and Seamus Moran did their job on offense (as well as defense) to keep Hampden away from our goal. Andrew King came back with 15 minutes left to tie the game, 2-2.

With back-and-forth opportunities for both teams, fullback Andrew King had a much-needed goal from a cross from Derek Pelley to win the game, 3-2.

On Sunday, September 26th, the game was against Granby. Kevin Malloch came out strong with a head ball off a nice cross from halfback Derek Pelley. Five minutes later, Sean Deglis had a corner kick in the air to give Kevin Malloch his second head ball of the game.

Within minutes, a corner kick from Kevin Malloch to Sean Deglis led to a tip-in to make it 3-0. Ryan Harlow did well on offense, as well as fullback position. Tommy Mercadante had strong shots on goal in his halfback position. Mike Santos had two assists on his offense position.

Ryan McGuire had some dribbling skills that helped the Annihilators defeat Granby. Right before the second half, Kevin Malloch had a good goal to give him his first hat-trick of the season. Jordan Buiso ended the Annihilators' offense with the fifth goal.

Granby had a penalty shot to goalie Mat Footit, who stopped the penalty shot, but Granby scored on a rebound shot.

The Annihilators won 5-1 to give them a first-place position in the division.



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Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer...

Young Brownies Raise Their Record To 5-2 With Three Shutouts

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Coach Linda Kunasek and her Agawam High junior varsity soccer squad have raised their record to 5-2 after posting three straight shutout wins this past week: 2-0 over Minnechaug Regional; 2-0 over Westfield High; and 4-0 over Longmeadow. All five JV victories have seen goose eggs for the opposition.

"We are playing some great defense. The kids are aggressive and are playing well together," Kunasek said.

In the win over a tough Minnechaug side played in the rain on Wednesday, September 22nd, the JV's struck in each half. Junior stopper Keegan Clark easily rifled home a penalty kick after freshman striker Kaitlin Sardella was hauled down in the box by the Falcons' goalie. It was Clark's second goal of the season.

Late in the second half, the game was sealed when sophomore striker Jill Lawson fired a perfect cross into the goalmouth, where Sardella deflected it home. Lawson has made a living so far this fall on an array of nifty passes and crosses into the penalty area.

Freshman goalie Vicky Taylor registered the shutout, which included an outstanding, leaping save early in the first half.

In their victory over Westfield last Friday, September 24th, sophomore midfielder Kelly Cassidy tallied her second goal of the season when her shot in a melee of players in the goalmouth deflected off the crossbar and dropped over the line. The locals totally dominated the first half, but only led 1-0 at the half.

Westfield came out with high energy and vastly better intensity for most of the second half and tested goalie Vicky Taylor on several occasions. However, crunch time belonged to AHS, and the pressure in the Bombers' end paid dividends when freshman midfielder Meaghan Brown was tripped before taking a shot in the penalty area.

Kaitlin Sardella scored on the penalty kick with about a minute left.

Against Longmeadow on Monday, September 27th, it was all AHS, as the locals put three on the board in the first 15 minutes. Kaitlin Sardella opened the scoring on another penalty kick, when the Lancers were charged with a handball during a wild scrum in front of the net.

It was 2-0 minutes later when Sardella grounded in a shot from 15 yards out after accepting a nice feed from midfielder Kelly Cassidy for her ninth goal of the campaign.

The barrage ended when sophomore midfielder Jess Newalu recorded her third goal of the season after the Lancers' goalie made a diving save on a 20-yard bid by Sardella that deflected out front where the ever-present Newalu was waiting to pounce.

Sophomore striker Erin Gloster ended the scoring late in the second half on a pretty, 50-yard breakaway goal. The locals received an outstanding effort from freshman midfielder Danielle Cirillo, as well as from midfielders Jenna Shea (sophomore), Angelina Cortese (sophomore), and Meaghan Brown (freshman).

Backliners Keegan Clark (junior), Laura Kida (junior), Becky Crum (junior), Tricia Fitchben (freshman), Katelyn Tierney (sophomore), and sweeper Kim Hoague (freshman) were all good reasons why AHS has forged a solid wall in front of goalies Vicky Taylor and sophomore Biz Perry (Biz chalked up the shutout versus the Lancers).

FRESHMAN NOTES:
The AHS freshmen also defeated Longmeadow, 2-1, this past Monday afternoon.

Ellen Rannenbergh and Erin McLane scored the goals for the frosh.

Registration For Youth/Instructional In-Town Basketball

Registration for both the Youth Basketball and Instructional Basketball (sponsored by the Town of Agawam's Parks & Recreation Department) will be held on Wednesday, October 6th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Junior High School Cafeteria.

After October 6th, registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through October 25th, or until the programs are full.

A draft will take place to select teams for participants in grades 3 - 8. No one will be cut from the league, as all players will play and participate in the In-Town Youth and Instructional Basketball Program.

Details and draft dates will be available at the registration on October 6th.

Youth Basketball: Teams will be divided by grades for both boys' and girls' leagues: grades 3 & 4; grades 5 & 6; grades 7 & 8; and grades 9 - 12. Fee: \$50 per person (includes T-shirt).

Practice for Youth Basketball begins the first week of December, and games will begin the first week in January.

Instructional: Boys and girls in grades 1 & 2 will play together in this half-court league, which is designed to teach the basic skills and rules of basketball.

Fee: \$25 per person (includes T-shirt).
The Instructional Basketball Program will begin the first week in January.

Boys' Hoop Tryouts For 7th/8th Graders Scheduled By AAA

The Agawam Athletic Association has slated tryouts for the 1999-2000 Suburban and CYO basketball season for seventh and eighth grade boys on Thursday, September 30th, at the Agawam Junior High gym from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The AAA is planning to field a boys' 7th/8th grade "A" team and a 7th/8th grade "B" team. For further information, please contact AAA boys' coordinator Paul Federico at 786-8948 (evenings).

Junior Women To Have Food Booth At Soccer Jamboree

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be collecting non-perishable food for World Food Day. They will be collecting food at the Agawam Soccer Jamboree held at the Junior High School on October 2nd and 3rd.

The Junior Women's Club will be running the food booth at the Soccer Jamboree, and a collection box will be located there. The food will be collected for the Women's Club's Holiday Basket Program.

Please make a donation and make a local family's holidays a little bit brighter!

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

Baywest's 6th Annual Golf Outing Slated For Sunday, October 10th

The Agawam/West Springfield Hockey Association (Baywest) is holding this year's golf outing on Sunday, October 10th, at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

The shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. prime rib dinner at the Club.

The cost is \$85 per person, which includes greens fees, cart, and the prime rib dinner. The cost for the prime rib dinner only is \$25.

Prizes will be awarded for "closest to pin," "longest drive," and first and second teams. What's more, there will be many raffle prizes available.

If you are interested, sign up now for a great day of golf, share some laughs, and (best of all) benefit youth hockey. Call Jim Matroni at (413) 789-4308.

Pee Wee Orange Warriors Win Their First Two Games

The Agawam Pee Wee Warriors' Orange Squad defeated the Springfield North Raiders in their home-opener by a score of 38-12.

The Warriors' offense was unstoppable, scoring five times that they had the ball.

The first offensive play was a 60-yard TD run by Blake Dutilly (number 87). Leading the blocking was right guard Charles Barbarisi (number 80). The two-point conversion was scored by Colin Hensel (number 16).

Quarterback Niko Omera (number two) scored a 10-yard TD on the next possession. Jake Ferretti (number 37) scored the two-point conversion.

Then, Jake Ferretti scored a 10-yard TD run to the left, with right guard Charles Barbarisi leading the way. Niko Omera made the two-point conversion.

Blake Dutilly once again scored on a 17-yard reverse.

The defense shut down the Raider offense. Right outside linebacker Jake Ferretti picked off a Raider pass and ran it in for a 30-yard TD. Blake Dutilly scored the two-point conversion.

The Agawam Pee Wee cheerleaders did a great job cheering and motivating the Warriors in this home-opener win.

In their next game, the Agawam Pee Wee Warriors' Orange Squad defeated the Longmeadow Lancers by a score of 14-6. The outstanding play on both sides of the ball secured another win for the Warriors.

The offense went right to work. Colin Hensel (number 16), fullback for the Warriors, scored a 20-yard TD on an end sweep. Jake Ferretti (number 37), tailback, scored the two-point conversion.

The Warrior defense dominated the Longmeadow offense. Charles Barbarisi (number 71) led the of the Warrior defense, making numerous tackles.

The Warrior offense went to work once again. Niko Omera (number two) scored a 60-yard TD on a quarterback sneak.

The Pee Wee cheerleaders did an awesome job once again.

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AT THE CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT (from left to right): Risa & Jim Knight (Chris' parents), Dr. Steven Fishman, and Lisa Before (Chris' girlfriend). The tournament donated \$8,500 to the Boston Children's Hospital.

Pee-Wee Warriors's White Team Downs The Palmer Cowboys

The Agawam Pee-Wee Warriors (White Team) defeated the Palmer Cowboys, 12-6, to advance their record to 3-0.

The charging offense, led by QB Brendan McNeish, picked up a 50-yard gain on a reverse led by James Mackin. On the next play, Rashad Wright scored on a 10-yard run.

On the next offensive series, James Mackin scored on an outside pitch. Once again, if not for the blocking of the little Hogs (led by Nick Sleich and Patrick McKeever), the offense would not have been successful.

An outstanding Warrior defense virtually shut down a high-powered offense. Numerous solo tackles turned in by little Hogs Nick Sleich and Patrick McKeever closed down the Palmer running game.

Outstanding defensive performances were turned in by Mason McDonough, Tim Jeserski, Joe Pirro, Steven Texeria, Anthony Stork, Mark Wingard, Scott Lunghinbull, and Michael Conedine.

On the last play of the game, free safety Scott Readon intercepted a Cowboy pass and returned it 25 yards.

The team would like to thank Mrs. Texeria and Mrs. Scoville for the donuts (which most of the little Hogs also left in ruins).

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U-17 COED	W	L	T	P
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Kamakazee's	2	1	0	6
Menard's Blue	1	2	0	3
Howe's Orange	0	3	0	0

U-14 COED	W	L	T	P
Icebreakers	5	0	0	15
Blue Blizzards	2	1	1	7
Lavalley 05	2	2	1	7
Orange Crush	1	3	2	5
Red Devils	1	3	1	4
Heneghan 04	0	3	1	1

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Blue Lightning	5	0	0	15
Kick'n Kangeroos	3	2	0	9
Green Angels	2	2	0	6
Gould 04	2	3	0	6
Mutti 03	0	5	0	0

U-12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Green Gremlins	5	0	0	15
Blue Knights	3	2	0	9
Golden Eagles	3	2	0	9
Tigers	1	4	0	3
Firebirds	0	4	0	0

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Chris Knight Golf Tournament Is A Success

On June 12th, it was the first year of a golf tournament dedicated to the cherished memory of Christopher Knight, 17, of Agawam, who tragically passed away last year.

Chris was a spirited young man who was a senior at Suffield Academy, representing genuine kindness, a unique gratefulness for everything in life, an engaging sense of humor, and a warm love for his family and friends, not to mention golf.

"Everything was perfect, even the weather," exclaimed Ray Knight, Chris' grandfather. At the Agawam Country Club, the atmosphere was energetic, optimistic, and fun, "a wonderful tribute to what Chris loved," offered Colleen Knight, a cousin of Chris'. Chris' grandmother, Pat, felt "the amount of love and support was unbelievable."

After a dinner banquet at the Agawam Polish Club, beautiful trophies and gifts were given to golfing contest winners. The raffle included a huge assortment of prizes, including quite elaborate ones like a VCR from Manny's, a weekend at Cape Cod, certificates to golf resorts, and a three-day rental of a luxury car from Bertera Lincoln Mercury.

The abundant raves about the tournament have been especially for the excellent organization. "It was a pleasure running the tournament," commented Jim Knight, Chris' father. "The response from the donating businesses was tremendous!" Jim was president of the directing committee by day and emcee by night.

The committee members were Michael Knight, Ray Knight, Phil Howland, Dave Trehey, Ray Scott, Mark Soticheck, Risa Knight, Bill Knight, Jim Knight, Tom Knight, Lisa Before, Vinnie Zick, and Bill Faust.

The volunteer organization was led by Lisa Before, Chris' girlfriend. Participation was in generous proportions - for example, Chris' younger brother, Brian, golfed and was a volunteer in many aspects.

The advertising efforts of Adams & Knight were notably exceptional. It included high-quality shirts, hats, posters, and stationery, which all had a well-known "CK" emblem.

After an amazing day, a sum of \$8,500 was donated to the Boston Children's Hospital, accepted by Steven J. Fishman, MD. Jim and Risa Knight, Chris' parents, will discuss research with a medical team. The money will go annually towards the research of vascular anomalies, like Chris' rare illness, lymphangiomatosis.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Mawaga Sporting Club To Hold Fall Trout Derby

The Mawaga Club will hold their annual fall trout derby and chicken barbeque on Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999. The club pond has been stocked for the event and cash prizes will be awarded to the lucky anglers with the biggest fish.

The tickets are available at the door and the fishing hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The chicken barbeque will follow the conclusion of the derby. The \$15 fee covers the fishing derby as well as the meal.

Early anglers will find coffee and muffins, etc. available in the morning prior to the start of the derby. This event is open to the public and is always a fun time for the whole family. See you there!

FALL FISHING TIPS

All fish are considered to be cold-blooded; that is, they do not have a mechanism to regulate body temperature. Their body temperature and their metabolic or activity rate is dependent on the water temperature.

On any given body of water, there is apt to be a variation in surface and sub-surface temperature in different portions of the lake. (Rivers are not as apt to be as affected due to the flow of water.)

Find the warmer water and you are apt to find the more active fish. As the temperature of the water begins to fall, the smart angler must slow down the presentation of the lures or baits. When a fish's body temperature cools down due to the colder water, it's activity level also drops.

Fish are generally divided into two categories; cold-water species and warm-water species. Trout, salmon, and the like are considered cold-water fish. Their ideal temperature range is geared to cooler water than the warm-water fish, such as bass, pickerel, and most pan fish.

The good news for the fall angler is that as the bass slow their activity in the fall, the trout respond the slightly cooler water by spending more time in the upper column of water and, therefore, are more accessible.

Between hunting trips this fall, when you venture on the water, a good tool to take is a thermometer. By comparing water temperatures in various parts of the lake, you can take advantage of areas that harbor more active (catchable) fish.

FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Hampton Ponds and Congamond Lakes both report low angler pressure. Both lakes are similar and what works at one will usually work at the other. Trout are being taken trolling in the early morning and evening hours. Small spoons and spinners are accounting for most of the trout.

Connecticut River fishermen below the Holyoke Dam have been scoring on numerous smallmouth and an occasional walleye. Crank baits worked very slowly outside of the weedlines have been productive.


Above the Holyoke Dam, the river itself, along with the Oxbow section, are producing some decent northern pike action. The mid-summer pattern of using fast-moving buzz baits has come and gone. Slower-moving lures such as spinnerbaits and crank baits are now producing.

SALT WATER

Stripers continue to be found everywhere along the coast, with flyrodders having a ball on schoolies. Some larger bass are mixed in. Surf fishermen will start benefiting from the annual fall migration of stripes and blues, as the months of October and November arrive.

Blackfish are being found in spotty fashion along the Connecticut and Rhode Island coasts. Look for rocky areas and submerged mussel beds. Green crabs are the perennial favorite. Porgies are being taken off of most of the reefs in Long Island Sound.

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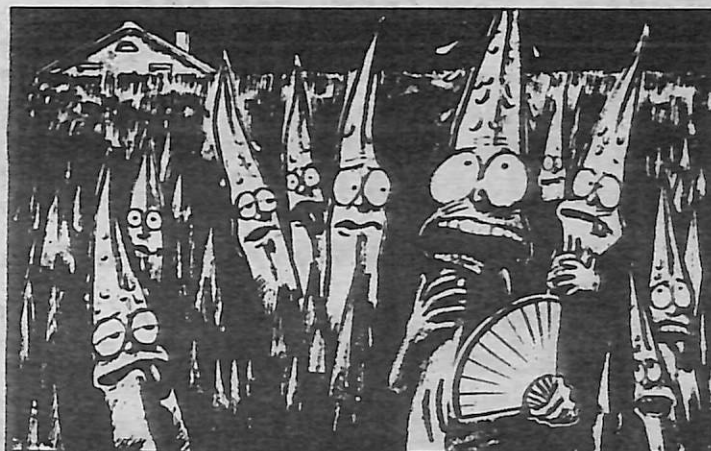
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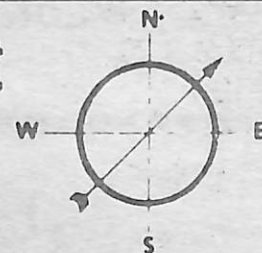
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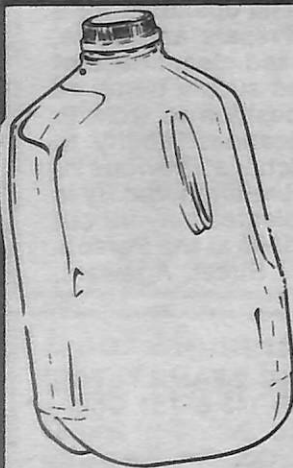
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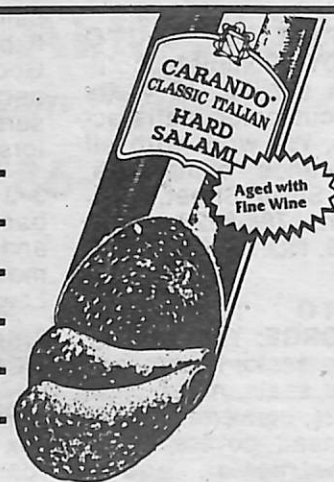
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